

Royal Service

WATCHWORD for YEAR:

Jesus said: "As the Father hath sent Me, even so send I you".
—John 20:21

THEME for YEAR:

"Thy Kingdom Come!"

HYMN for YEAR:

Lead On, O King Eternal

CHIEF AIMS for YEAR:

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

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No W.M.U. organization, either of women or young people, can be A-1 in this calendar year of 1936 unless it reaches every point of its respective Standard of Excellence. (See pages 27-30, 69-75 of 1936 W.M.U. Year Book.)

Each W.M.U. organization, either of women or young people, has in the first clause of its Standard of Excellence that, in order to reach that clause, the organization as such must have a definitely missionary program each month of the calendar year. Thus no W.M.U. organization can be counted A-1 by "making up meetings". Circle meetings, except missionary program meeting of B.W.C., do not count on this record.

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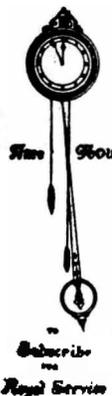
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EDITORIAL

CHANNELS of BLESSING

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



The desert country of our great southwest has a strange fascination. Its wide expanses of valleys and hills, its various and interesting cactus growths—from the tiny "spiney" ones to the giant with mighty arms lifted Heavenward—its vari-colored shifting sands, its lofty mountains and deep canyons, its massive rocks bearing strange markings, the unrevealed secrets of long gone generations of unknown peoples. All this with the glory of its sunsets makes it truly a land of enchantment, "and the desert blossoms as the rose". The goodness of God and the ingenuity of man have brought fertile fields, citrus groves, luscious vegetables, rare fruits. Men move along the fields patiently, opening little channels that refreshing water may flow in to bring life and growth. Back of each tiny channel is the full flowing ditch, back of that the stream and, at its source, a huge dam impounding a great lake—an inexhaustible supply. Standing at this abundant sufficient source of supply, one visualizes the farmer down in the valley, opening those tiny channels as the fields have need, and one muses upon the importance and value of dams, upon the opening of sluice gates, upon seeds springing into life, upon growing plants,

upon harvest and fruitage. The great lake high in the mountains would be impotent but for the channels. In them lies the secret of the blossoming desert. So it is with your life and mine.

"Is your life a channel of blessing? Is the love of God flowing through you? Are you telling the lost of the Saviour? Are you ready His service to do?"

A new year opens before us, precious opportunities await us, new hopes and purposes are ours. Barren places in many lives and many lands await the life giving message entrusted to us. Having it, they will become abundantly fruitful; denied it, they remain barren and useless. Channels cease to be channels if they become clogged: they must be cleared of the things which impede the flow of the life giving current. Even so our individual lives must be freed from that which hinders their first purpose, our churches must be true to their primary function. How gracious it is to have opportunities to begin anew, to meet our tasks more faithfully, to live more abundantly. My hope, my prayer for each of us for this new year is that we may truly be channels of blessing in our needy world. His grace and power are abundant, upon the infinite resources of His strength we may rely. Let us individually and unitedly, with utter abandon of all selfish desires, with zeal and devotion, give ourselves to the task of supreme importance. Methods are tremendously important but methods are but means to an end. We face a new year with this question in our minds and hearts: Are you and I, are your society and my society a real channel of blessing?

January is first in many respects, one being the fact that it is the first month after the December Week of Prayer with its Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, all of which may not yet have been forwarded by your church. Please give first attention to this highly important matter.



WATCHWORD for YEAR



CHRIST'S DEFINITION of the MISSIONARY TASK—John 20:21

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This is the first recorded missionary command of our Lord, and we believe it to be the greatest missionary text in the Bible. Of course this is a decision on which certainly there would be difference of opinion, but we believe this verse to be the most succinct and comprehensive definition of the missionary task which came from the lips of Jesus.

It defines our missionary obligation. "As the Father hath sent Me"—we are sent with the same objective that is embraced in the mission of Jesus. Here we confront an inescapable alternative. If Christ was sent as a world Redeemer, then ours is a world mission. If He was not sent as a world Redeemer, then He is not our Savior at all, for Jesus came originally to the Jews. If there is no such thing in the New Testament as foreign missions, then there is no salvation for the gentile.

Therefore, the doctrine of missions is the most fundamental of all the fundamentals for gentile Christianity. The rankest heresy of which a church can be guilty is to ignore or neglect this obligation. I have no fear that southern Baptists may become heretical on the first three chapters of Genesis, but I suffer great anxiety about their attitude toward the last three verses of Matthew. Their pocket-books are not involved in accepting at face value the Genesis account of creation, but it may cost considerably in hard cash to take the Great Commission too seriously. Hence our chief danger is at the latter point.

This great verse contains a definition of the missionary spirit. "As the Father hath sent Me"—we are sent with the same motive, in the same spirit as the divine Master. Our missionary enterprise should not only embrace the scope of Christ's missionary purpose but should be inspired by the essential elements of Christ's missionary spirit. There were two of these essential elements.

The first was compassion. If I were asked to point out the most typical picture of Jesus to be found in the New Testament, I should point to the spectacle disclosed in Luke 19:41: "And when He drew nigh, He saw the city and wept over it". This picture of Jesus reveals the great weakness of our southern Baptist missionary enterprise. There are not enough of us seeing a lost world and weeping over it. We accept the doctrine of missions; we comprehend the program of missions; we maintain the machinery of missions; our tragic deficiency is, we lack the spirit of missions. If we could get a hundred thousand southern Baptists looking toward a lost world the way Jesus was looking toward Jerusalem that day, we should pay every debt off the Convention in one year. We will never reach our highest success in Christ's missionary enterprise until our hearts are broken over a lost world.

The second element in the missionary spirit of Jesus was sacrifice. He inaugurated the missionary enterprise in sacrifice, and it has moved on at the cost of great sacrifice from Calvary to B. L. Lockett. Is it worth the sacrifice? Voices from two directions respond to this question. From the scenes of missionary labors myriads of voices resound in loud affirmative reply—souls led out of heathen darkness—pain-racked bodies healed—homes transformed—lives rescued from hopeless drudgery. From Calvary comes the other voice. It seems to say, "If I could afford to die for them, could you not afford to go tell them about it?" How can we quibble about the cost of the missionary enterprise in the presence of Calvary?



STEWARDSHIP SUGGESTIONS



Southwide Stewardship Chairman: Mrs. Carter Wright, Alabama

"GOING AFIELD for the BAPTIST HUNDRED THOUSAND CLUB"

Frank Tripp, General Leader



Approximately forty foreign missionaries at home on furlough, the executive secretaries of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, members of the faculties of our Seminaries, and Dr. Bristow of the Southern Baptist Hospital will go afield during the months of January and February in the interest of the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club movement. These honored servants and representatives of southern Baptists will give themselves without reservation to the most intensive effort that has yet been made to enlist southern Baptists in their debt-paying program.

With the services of these representatives of the agencies benefiting from the movement and with the cooperation of our pastors and leaders in all departments of our church life, we propose to launch a major offensive against the enemy—debt. There are three reasons why I believe that this is the most practical approach to our task.

First: We, as southern Baptists, need to know our missionaries. We need to look into their faces, feel their heart-throbs and hear first-hand their stories of sacrifice and triumph. We need to know why many of these missionaries are now (at home instead of on their chosen fields of service. We need the information and inspiration that will come from listening to those who have been on the front lines and who have had the thrill of a taste of victory.

Second: We need to know more about the colossal task and tremendous possibilities of our Home Mission Board.

Instead of thinking of this department of our work as a bankrupt agency that is doing nothing but marking time until the creditors order its activities discontinued, I want southern Baptists to think of it as one of our most useful agencies that is awake to the challenge that a new day economically and socially presents to the Christian forces of America. It will mean much to the churches who are fortunate enough to hear the testimony of Dr. Lawrence and his colleagues.

Third: We have a group of capable, consecrated men on the staffs and faculties of our Seminaries and the Southern Baptist Hospital who will bless any church or congregation that they touch. They are going out in January and February to occupy the pulpits of our churches and to tell southern Baptists what the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club movement has meant to the institutions they represent.

If we can have the cooperation of all of our pastors, of the members of the W.M.U., of the leaders in Sunday School, B.T.U. and Brotherhood, we will be able to reach our goal of one hundred thousand members by the time the Convention meets in St. Louis next May. It is impossible for us to know what a thrill it would bring to southern Baptists to reach this goal. Let me appeal to all those who read these words to give the movement a large place in their prayers and then present it to their respective groups in the most intelligent and enthusiastic manner possible.

The Baptist Hundred Thousand Club movement is no longer an experiment. By the time you read these lines the cash receipts will be well up toward the half-million mark and the Foreign Mission Board alone will have received more than \$125,000. If southern Baptists will throw themselves unreservedly into this effort for the next few weeks, we will go up to St. Louis with a song of victory in our hearts.



SHUCK CENTENNIAL



STUDYING in SHUCK CENTENNIAL



The Shuck Centennial has a wonderfully compelling appeal. At the end of 1935 our hearts rejoiced in the progress that had been made. The success attained made us hopeful of a great triumph in 1936 for the work in China.

The emphasis of Woman's Missionary Union and the Foreign Mission Board, the special literature, the special Centennial editions of the denominational papers and magazines and the preaching upon the subject by many of the pastors have brought about a wide knowledge and a deep appreciation of the celebration. But there must be continued educational propaganda if southern Baptists are to become conscious of the full significance and magnitude of the movement. There is nothing that can be done this year that will be more profitable and will contribute more to the enlargement of our conception of the hundred years' growth of our foreign mission enterprise in China than the use of the program material and the study of the books that have bearing on the Centennial. If every Baptist church and every Woman's Missionary Society in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention will put into their plans and programs purposeful study of the Centennial literature, we believe there will be not only a deepening of interest in foreign missions, but that the close of the celebration will find us outrunning and outdoing all that southern Baptists have done in the past century in giving the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the lost millions of China.

In response to a request for a list of books suitable for reading and study in connection with the Shuck Centennial, we are under the necessity of suggesting titles that have already been used, for there is a dearth of new literature on China. However, we are listing only those that will prove to be the most excellent and satisfying study books for classes featuring the Centennial.

Pioneering for Jesus—T. S. Dunaway—50c—75c. This was the leading Centennial textbook in the fall and will receive much attention during the present year.

Serptime and Harvest—Mary C. Alexander—50c. A great story of southern Baptist missionary work in China since 1835 up to the present time.

Handmaidens of the King—W. Thorburn Clark—50c—75c. The biographies of Miss Lula F. Whilden and Miss Julia K. Mackenzie are two of the five given in this interesting book.

Living Issues in China—Henry T. Hodgkins—60c—\$1.00. A book dealing with issues in China today and their relation to Christianity (For reading or study)

Lottie Moon—Una Roberts Lawrence—60c—\$1.25. The story of one of southern Baptists' great missionaries

Robert Morrison—Marshall Broomhall—\$1.50. The absorbing story of a remarkable pioneer missionary to China (For reading)

The Story of Vates, the Missionary—Charles E. Taylor—75c. The life story of our pioneer missionary to central China (For reading or study)

Healing and Missions—T. W. Ayers—50c—75c. Deals with our medical work in China and Africa

The Day of Small Things—Mrs. Anna S. Pruitt—25c. Tells of the beginnings of the North China Mission. Use current report of the Foreign Mission Board to bring the book up to date.

Youth Unafraid—Anna C. Swain—75c. The second chapter gives a brief but delightful story of Henrietta Hall Shuck.

Progress of World Wide Missions—Robert H. Glover—\$2.50. A survey of the mission fields of the world, interestingly and inspiringly told (For reading)

The Report of the Foreign Mission Board and articles from *Home and Foreign Fields* should always be used in the classes.

The Missionary Map of the World, \$3.75, and the **Missionary Map of China**, 60c, will be serviceable.

The Picture of Henrietta Hall Shuck, (tinted), 25c, and the **Wall Poster** of south China missionaries, 10c, will create interest.

A Century for Christ (Booklet), and the **Centennial Hymn**, both free, will be serviceable to the classes and helpful in the preparation of the centennial programs.—*Mary M. Hunter, Manager of Book and Tract Dept. of Foreign Board*

CIRCLE PLANS

CIRCLE'S MISSIONARY PROGRAM

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

WHEN YOUR CIRCLE STUDIES "Who Is My Neighbor?"

preferably in January but certainly before the March Week of Prayer, it will find exceptionally helpful the following suggestions from Mrs. W. D. Pye who was chairman of the committee to formulate plans for the March Week of Prayer and who is corresponding secretary for the Arkansas W.M.U. The author of the book is Mrs. A. L. Aulick, who is mission study chairman of the W.M.U. of Oklahoma. Each W.M.S. and each Y.W.A. organization will be given one free copy of the book; other copies are to be purchased at 25c a copy from State Baptist Bookstores or from W.M.U. Literature Dept., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala. Especially is its study urged in preparation for the March Week of Prayer. Mrs. Pye suggests:

Teacher's Qualification: In addition to her qualifications as a teacher, the person selected to teach "Who Is My Neighbor?" should be, if possible, a woman whose heart is on fire for the cause of home missions, and one who is a "Good Samaritan" whenever the need arises.

Teacher's Preparation: (1) Read and then re-read the book until its contents are mastered. (2) Study carefully the author's suggestions, entitled "To the Class Leader", which will be found in the book. (3) Secure map of Home Mission Board territory and picture sheet of Home Mission Board personnel which are free from the Home Mission Board, 315 Red Rock Bldg., Atlanta, Ga. (4) Make posters as suggested by the author for each chapter, remembering that more information is absorbed through the eyes than through the ears.

Supplemental Reading: *The Report of the Home Mission Board for 1935* in minutes of Southern Baptist Convention; *Winning the Border* by Lawrence; *The Word of Their Testimony* by Lawrence; *People of the Jesus Way* by Beagle; home mission articles in *Home and Foreign Fields* and other missionary magazines; any other book or magazine dealing with home mission problems and opportuni-

Devotional Periods: Use the Scripture suggested by the author for a devotional before each lesson. Also master the parable of the Good Samaritan and magnify the verse or verses pertaining to each chapter. Make it so real that none can ever forget its meaning or its application to home missions as presented in this book.

Class Divisions: The first session could be the introduction where the class becomes acquainted with the author, Mrs. A. L. Aulick, a general outline of the book being presented, and the parable of the Good Samaritan studied. Then one of the chapters could be studied at each succeeding session. If for any reason it seems necessary, combine the chapters into fewer class periods but endeavor to have at least five sessions.

Blackboard Outline: Keep the chapter titles, either on a blackboard or poster board, before the class each day. Also place outline of each chapter on blackboard each study period if space is available.

Assignments: Special assignments should be made at each class period for the succeeding lesson. The book is so well outlined that the teacher should have no trouble in selecting assignments. Interesting features could be introduced. The sub-divisions of some sections could be given in the first person by individuals in costume.

Giving the Test: Some teachers have found it easier to get the public to take a written test if some kind of souvenir booklets are prepared for each one and the questions on each chapter answered at the close of the class. These booklets may be easily made, using writing paper for leaves and construction paper for covers. They may be fastened with brads, tied with ribbon or cord or stitched on machine. Wilde pictures of "The Good Samaritan" for 1½c each may be ordered from W. A. Wilde Company, 131 Clarendon St., Boston, Mass. The size with margin is 6x8 inches; no order will be filled for less than 10; in ordering, give only the number of the picture which is 466 in Wilde's catalogue. Three or four questions to be answered

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SOCIETY METHODS

LEAVES from a CIRCLE LEADER'S DIARY



November 5—Bed time, and desperately tired! Mailed a box to Al at college, shopped with Windy and gave Elizabeth a birthday party. Then the nominating committee from the missionary society! Wanted me to be chairman of the Lawton Circle! Imagine it, when 1936 is already running over. Thoughts of my home, club and social obligations fairly stagger me; church duties, too, for I do go to Sunday school, morning services and to circle meeting occasionally. And of course we contribute regularly. I told them, "NO" in capital letters. They urged me to pray about it. The answer is, "No".

December 2—A whole series of sermons on stewardship. They fairly took my breath: "His Own Servants"; "Robbers, Lord?"; "How, Except They Be Sent?"; "The Night Cometh"; "The Joys of the Lord". Our pastor said the W.M.S. president and the stewardship chairman requested them. He convicted me of bringing blemished offerings of time, talents and substance to the Lord's altar. I shall telephone the committee that I'll take the circle.

December 3—Down to the library to get some books. Am terribly rusty—too much knitting and too many parties. The librarian suggested Tralle's "Psychology of Leadership" and Danforth's "I Dare You". Tralle's motto in life has been: "Either do it or do not do it". He's right, too!

December 4—"I Dare You" is stimulating. All right, Mr. Danforth, I accept your dare to live the four-square life.

December 6—Mrs. Waite brought my circle roll today—ten active and fourteen inactive members, some not remotely interested. A peculiar feeling comes over me as I study the names. They are my responsibility to lead into joyous fellowship and royal service. I shall put the list in my Bible and the unenlisted on my prayer calendar. Our circle is to have the program for April. I must begin now to collect material. We'll try and have all twenty-four present!

December 10—Am selecting five of my unenlisted to whom I shall show some particular courtesy this month. Dreary, embarrassed lives some of them live. I took my knitting and sat an hour with old Mrs. White. Said she'd love to come to circle but can't walk because of rheumatism. I promised to send for her each time. Took Mrs. Hard a cutting of my Sunburst rose. She adores flowers. Said she'd think about coming to the January meeting.

December 20—Christmas shopping! Bought a loose leaf note book for my circle. Accurate records are so essential. At the end of each month I can check up on our personal service projects, number of active members, tithers and per cent taking mission study and subscribing to periodicals.

December 31—Facing a new year! Help me to be a good circle chairman, O Lord! Amen—Mrs. David Albert Howard, Gaffney, S. C.

CIRCLE PLANS (Concluded from Page 8)

in writing is a reasonable number for each chapter.

Purpose of the Study: The purpose of this book is to magnify the work of the Home Board, its study to precede the Week of Prayer and the collecting of the Annie W. Armstrong Offering, March 2-6 inclusive. Also the book seeks to impress on

each pupil the individual responsibility toward our home mission obligations. The prayer of the author and of the Committee on Home Mission Week of Prayer for 1936 is that the little book may be used to serve this purpose and that, as a result of its study, each member of each class will do her part that Christ will be uplifted in the homeland.



Mission Study Department



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

POINT SEVEN POINTS the WAY



Do you remember the story of the boy and his chicken sandwiches? The hungry man, who leaned out of the car window and eagerly bought one, called a moment later for the boy to come back. "The sandwich contains no chicken", was his loud complaint.

"Oh, sir", blithely replied the boy, "that's just the name of them!"

If the organizations of Woman's Missionary Union are to be in reality what their names claim for them they must be really *missionary* through and through. Mission study is the key to growth in all phases of missionary thinking, living and giving. Out of the years of marvelous history of the growth of Woman's Missionary Union, definite, regular and well rounded mission study courses have come to be the foundation of a program of missionary education and activity without which we would too often, like the little boy's sandwich, possess just the "name of them". So into the Standard of Excellence there came a requirement for first one, then two mission study classes, as necessary to the healthy work and growth of a W.M.S.

Believing also that the major objective was to reach as many women as possible and, finding that in many societies a small, interested group only was enlisted in mission study, further requirement has been made that the combined enrollment in all the classes must total at least one-half the active members of the society. So point seven of the W. M.S. Standard of Excellence has come to read: "At least two mission study

classes during the year; the combined enrollment in all classes to include at least one-half of the active membership".

To ascertain whether your society has achieved this goal is simple. First, have your two classes. The W.M.U. Plan of Work suggests that one should be just preceding the Week of Prayer for Home Missions and one just before the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions.

Keep a list of the names of the active members who attend your first class of the year. When you hold your second class, check that list against the one of the active members attending this second class and add to your first list the names of those who were in the second class but were *not* in the first one. If this combined list of different women who attended both classes totals at least one-half the active membership of your society you may mark point seven as having been reached.

It may be that you will have more than two classes. There is no limit to the number of classes you may have, and you may use the lists of active members from them *all* in making up your total of *different* women who have taken mission study during the year. But you must have at least two classes, and you cannot count any woman twice, and only active members can be counted. Point seven points the way to making the W.M.S. in reality what it is in name, a *missionary* organization, by leading you to reach the largest possible number with mission study. Surely one-half the women belonging to your society is the very least you must reach in your study of missions, if you are to call yours a Woman's *Missionary* Society.



BOOK REVIEWS



Mrs. Julian P. Thomas, Virginia

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

CHRIST'S ALTERNATIVE to COMMUNISM

THE Christian world welcomes a new book by E. Stanley Jones, especially one on the "lives" subject of the day as in "Christ's Alternative to Communism". As usual, the author takes the Bible to solve his problem, and it does. Reviewing all the good that he thinks has come to Russia in its communistic experiment and stating that there is much to admire, he proves that Christ has all of that and something higher and better to offer. Christ gave His program when He came from the temptations in the wilderness. He entered the synagogue and read: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me to preach good tidings to the poor, release to the captives" etc. Dr. Jones takes this literally and comes to the conclusion—and thinks the world will soon be convinced—that this must

cease to be a competitive world and become a cooperative world. A book well worth careful reading and much thought!—Price: cloth \$2

FUN and FESTIVALS from LATIN AMERICA

A SMALL book of songs and pageants, by Helen Garven, seeks to reveal the spirit of joyous abandon of South American lands. The author thinks the people of North America do not understand the love of music and fun in the Latin countries. She gives programs illustrating this love as revealed in their patriotic national and religious festivals. These may be used in connection with the courses of study for Latin lands and will help us make our programs more realistic as well as more attractive.—Price: paper 25c

"WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?"

TURNING to page 8 of this issue there will be found excellent suggestions for the use of the January-February W.M.U. study book, "Who Is My Neighbor?" As explained on that "Circle Plans" page, the author of this timely book is Mrs. A. L. Aulick, the state mission study chairman for the W.M.U. of Oklahoma. Skilled as a writer, experienced as a Christian "neighbor" to those in need, familiar with home mission problems particularly in Oklahoma and Texas where she has lived, alert as to the essentials of a real mission study book and yet remembering those who merely read such books, she was indeed an appropriate author for this book, "Who Is My Neighbor?"

It is published by Woman's Missionary Union, S.B.C. To hasten and otherwise popularize its study, preferably in January but certainly before March, a free copy is being sent to each W.M.S. and Y.W.A. organization. Other copies are to be purchased, early in January please, from the State Baptist Bookstores or from W.M.U. Literature Dept., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala. The price per copy is 25c, paper binding.

"Now is the acceptable time to begin active preparation for the March (2-6) Week of Prayer and Action for Home Missions. Please endeavor to pray daily for the faith and conversion of W.M.U. women and young people."

CURRENT MISSIONARY EVENTS

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

"Sharing Christ with a Waiting World" was the watchword of the Baptist student conventions held in the various states this fall. It was the privilege of your "Current Events" editor to be in the Virginia meeting. To us it was significant that almost every speaker whether student or adult called attention to the fact that one could not share what one did not possess, each emphasizing in his own way the fact that a life must be dominated by the Spirit of Christ to be effective in sharing Him in any way.

The published reports, stating that American missionary doctors and nurses are planning to remain in Ethiopia to help in the midst of war, remind us that one of them—Dr. Tom Lambie, 30 years a missionary—decided that he could better serve Christ in Ethiopia as a citizen of that country. In the *Missionary Review of the World* we read that he said: "I realize there is an element of risk; that no matter what happens to me I cannot appeal for American protection or assistance . . . but I am prepared to take that risk if it might be true, that to the Ethiopians I might become as an Ethiopian, that I might win the Ethiopians to Christ".

Within the past year a native minister of Africa was dismissed from the Elat station, as free from leprosy, and returned to his work on the Cameroun coast. When he learned he had leprosy and must be sentenced to live in a leper colony, he said: "I give God thanks that He has sent me this thing to show me more fields to labor in for Him".

From an analysis of the reports of the United Stewardship Council for the ten year period, 1925-1934 inclusive, we

learn that southern Baptists stand at the bottom of the list in the annual average contributions per member of the twenty leading denominations (*protestant*). We averaged \$7.54 per member for local expenses and \$1.87 per member for missions, education and benevolence. The thought comes: Do we really mean it when in repeating the Lord's Prayer we say, "Thy Kingdom come"?

When your copy of this issue of *Royal Service* reaches you Dr. George Truett, accompanied by Mrs. Truett and Dr. Rushbrooke, will doubtless be on their way to visit the Baptist mission fields of Asia. They go to study conditions, to encourage the missionaries and to say to the waiting millions, "The Kingdom of God is at your door". Can we not share with them in this ministry by remembering them daily in our prayers?

While we pray, "Thy Kingdom come", remembering lands beyond the sea let us not forget the challenging conditions at home. Among other things there are now over 700,000 Mormons in the United States.—It is estimated that there are 25,000 Moslems in our country and there is a national organization known as the Moorish Science Temple with a membership of 100,000.—There is a Buddhist temple in Denver, Colorado, where a priest officiates and a regular Sunday school is held. The priest also visits neighboring towns.

The Home Mission Council recently reported that there are 10,000 villages in the United States without a church of any kind and 30,000 villages without a resident pastor. There are more than thirteen million North American children, under twelve years of age, who are not in church or Sunday school.

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According to *Missions* one of the dramatic moments came in the course of Dr. J. W. Decker's inaugural address as foreign secretary of the northern Baptists when, speaking of his knowledge of the missionary through fellowship with him, he said: "You may fail to support your missionary; you may starve him; you may harbor suspicion of his loyalty to Christ; but as for me I propose to stand by him to the last ditch". Without meaning to say that any one among southern Baptists would ever fail our missionaries, yet certain it is that the W.M.U. by prayer and gifts both through regular channels and by means of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has been saying and will continue to say to our missionaries on the foreign field, "We prepare to stand by you to the last ditch".

While there may not be much statistical evidence to prove the opinion that missionaries and their children appear to be of unusually high character and to achieve unusual success, yet such evidence as we have upholds this favorable opinion according to Dr. Huntington, professor in the Department of Social Sciences in Yale University. In an article in the *Missionary Review of the World* he states that a study of the success of college graduates at Yale and Harvard proved that missionaries themselves ranked high and that their average was higher than that of graduates in any other profession and that the children of missionaries were ranked phenomenally high by their classmates, averaging well above the sons of graduates in any other profession.

Last year Mrs. S. U. Zau, a devoted member of the Old North Gate Church of Shanghai, died. Just before her death she requested that her family sell all her valuables and jewels and, with the money together with some she had saved, build a chapel where there could be some one continually "witnessing unto Him" for her. Mr. Zau and her

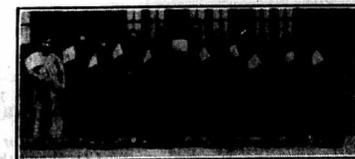
sons not only did as she requested but they themselves added quite a sum and now on the edge of Shanghai a beautiful chapel is nearing completion where Elizabeth Hale will open a Good Will Center. There will also be a residence where an evangelist whom Mr. Zau expects to employ will live.—*Religious Herald*

An undenominational Evangelistic Fellowship of Christian Converts from Islam has been formed in Palestine for the purpose of the upbuilding of converts and for presenting the Gospel of Christ to Moslems in Palestine.

It is reported that there is an organization of Jews in Palestine whose purpose it is to do everything possible to thwart Christian missionary work. It is called Merkaz. How reminiscent of the days when our Lord walked in Palestine!

Out of Egypt comes the news that the defenders of Islam have seen that a live religion must be a propagating one—so notwithstanding their denunciation of Christian missionaries as intruders they are sending Islamic missionaries to China, Japan, Ethiopia and South America.

Rev. William Carey, great-grandson of the famous William Carey, died recently. He was an accomplished scholar and hymn writer and labored many years as a missionary in India.



Members of North Gate Baptist Church W.M.S. in Pageant Using Christian Flags at Central China W.M.U. Annual Meeting in Shanghai, April 1935

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FAMILY ALTAR



Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

TOPIC: "Like unto Leaven"—Matt. 13:33-35

It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in His own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me . . . and unto the uttermost part of the earth"—Acts 1:7, 8

Seven Discourses of Jesus

1st Day—Luke 4:18-27
2nd Day—Matt. 5:3-16
3rd Day—Matt. 5:21-32
4th Day—Matt. 5:38-48
5th Day—Matt. 7:24-27
6th Day—Matt. 10:5-23
7th Day—Matt. 13:11-17

Seven Parables of Jesus

8th Day—Luke 15:8-10
9th Day—John 15:1-17
10th Day—Matt. 18:12-14
11th Day—Luke 12:35-40
12th Day—Luke 12:16-21
13th Day—Mark 4:26-29
14th Day—Matt. 13:47-50

Seven Other Parables

15th Day—Judges 9:8-15
16th Day—Isa. 5:1-7
17th Day—I Kings 11:30-32
18th Day—Acts 10:10-16
19th Day—II Tim. 2:3, 4
20th Day—II Tim. 2:6, 7
21st Day—II Tim. 20:21

Ten Sayings of Jesus

22nd Day—Luke 2:49
23rd Day—Matt. 3:13-15
24th Day—Matt. 4:18-20
25th Day—Luke 19:5-10
26th Day—Luke 22:31, 32
27th Day—Matt. 21:13
28th Day—Matt. 26:36-46
29th Day—Matt. 26:52-56
30th Day—Luke 23:34, 46
31st Day—Luke 24:36-48

"Pray Ye"

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

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

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

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

In petition for W.M.U. work: (1) among young people;

(2) through study classes; (3) in teaching stewardship; (4) in personal service; (5) through enlistment; (6) by prayer; (7) during Shuck Centennial

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

Calendar of Prayer January, 1936

Prepared by Mrs. Maud E. McLure, Georgia

O TENDER Christ, forgive past year,
Nor let me waste Thy time in tears.
Grant me new days of faith and prayer,
New tasks to do, new burdens bear.

D LOT out the shame of tasks forgot,
So bless, that we forget Thee not;
Use our deep penitence to prove
Thy mercy and Thy glorious love".

Topic: The Kingdom of Heaven Is Like—

1—WEDNESDAY

Lord, give us grace for our future work.
Commit thy works unto Jehovah.
—Prov. 16:3

2—THURSDAY

Pray for Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, president of Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention.
God is able to make all grace abound unto you—II Cor. 9:8

3—FRIDAY

For vice presidents of W.M.U. and presidents of state Unions
Jehovah strengthen thee out of Zion.
—Psa. 120:1, 2

4—SATURDAY

For Miss Kathleen Mallory, corresponding secretary of W.M.U., Auxiliary to S.B.C.
Jehovah will guide thee continually.
—Isa. 58:11

5—SUNDAY

Let us rededicate ourselves to the advancement of the Kingdom.
Seek ye first His Kingdom.—Matt. 6:33

6—MONDAY

For Miss Ethel Winfield, assistant to the corresponding secretary of W.M.U., Auxiliary to S.B.C.
My covenant will I not break.
—Psa. 89:34

7—TUESDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Bagby (on furlough), evangelistic and educational work, Porto Alegre, Brazil
A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches.—Prov. 22:1

8—WEDNESDAY

Pray for Miss Juliette Mathet, young people's secretary of W.M.U., Auxiliary to S.B.C.
They that desire truly are His delight.
—Prov. 12:21

9—THURSDAY

For Mrs. H. M. Wharton and Mrs. Sumter Lea, Jr., recording and assistant recording secretaries of W.M.U.
Faithful is He that calleth you.
—I Thess. 5:24

10—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. M. T. Rankin (on furlough) oriental superintendent, Shanghai, China
Great peace have they that love Thy law.
—Psa. 119:163

11—SATURDAY

For Miss Pearle Bourne, associate young people's secretary of W.M.U.
If any man would come after Me let him deny himself.—Matt. 16:24

12—SUNDAY

Pray that southern Baptists may be known as a tithing people.
Of all that Thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto Thee.
—Gen. 28:22

13—MONDAY

Pray for annual sessions of W.M.U. of Florida at Arcadia, Jan. 13-16.
Pray also for work of Brazilian W.M.U.
Be strong and of good courage.—Josh. 1:9

14—TUESDAY

For Mrs. W. J. Cox, treasurer of W.M.U., and for state treasurers
That the name of our Lord Jesus be glorified in you—II Thess. 1:12

15—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Powell, evangelistic work, Shaki, Nigeria
Godliness is profitable for all things.
—I Tim. 4:8

16—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Leonard, evangelistic work, Harbin, Manchuria, and Charles and Rachel Leonard, Margaret Fund students
There is no want to them that fear Him.
—Psa. 34:9

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‡Attended Baptist Bible Institute

Calendar of Prayer January, 1936

INTO the hand of Him who died,
Who evermore doth live,
This strange and solemn New Year's path
In trustful prayer we give.

ENOUGH for us to hear His voice,
To feel His guiding hand,
To know each step is bringing us
Nearer Emmanuel's land".

Topic: *The Kingdom of Heaven Is Like*

17—FRIDAY

Pray for Dr. and Mrs. E. N. Walne, emeritus missionaries from Japan. His heart is fixed, trusting in Jehovah. —Psa. 112:7

18—SATURDAY

For state W.M.U. corresponding secretaries and young people's secretaries. Be thou faithful unto death.—Rev. 2:10

19—SUNDAY

Pray that there may be a large increase by southern Baptists in the work of the Kingdom. For the Kingdom is Jehovah's. —Psa. 22:28

20—MONDAY

For editors of *World Comrades* and for mid-year meeting of W.M.U. Executive Committee and state W.M.U. corresponding secretaries at Birmingham, Jan. 27-30. Wisdom is profitable to direct. —Eccl. 10:10

21—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Nils Bengtson, educational and evangelistic work, Barcelona, Spain, and Samuel Bengtson, Margaret Fund student. Guide me in Thy truth.—Psa. 25:5

22—WEDNESDAY

For W.M.U. leaders in mission study, stewardship, personal service, White Cross, College Y.W.A. and Grace McBride Y.W.A. Go work today in My vineyard. —Matt. 21:28

23—THURSDAY

For Miss Doris Knight, educational work, Hwang-Hsien, China. Trust in Jehovah with all thy heart. —Psa. 113

24—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. D. H. LeSueur, emeritus missionaries from Mexico, and Claradine and Martha LeSueur, Margaret Fund students. In righteousness shalt thou be established. —Isa. 54:14

25—SATURDAY

For Misses Misses (Katie Murray and Olive Lawton) (on furlough), evangelistic work, Chengchow, China. It is Christ Jesus . . . who also maketh intercession for us.—Rom. 8:34

26—SUNDAY

Pray that the hearts of indifferent Baptists may be quickened into missionary interest. Faith apart from works is dead.—Jan. 2:26

27—MONDAY

Pray for Miss Jane W. Lide (on furlough) and Miss Florence Lide, evangelistic and educational work, Hwang-Hsien, China. May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.—Col. 3:15

28—TUESDAY

For resident members of W.M.U. Executive Committee in Birmingham, Ala. A faithful man shall abound with blessing.—Prov. 10:20

29—WEDNESDAY

For Miss Juanita Byrd (on furlough), Shanghai University, Shanghai, China. Be ye steadfast.—1 Cor. 15:58

30—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. T. B. Hawkins, evangelistic work, Rafaela, Argentina. Jehovah hath been minded of us. —Psa. 115:12

31—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. S. J. Townshend, evangelistic work, Kweichow, China. Ye shall go out with joy.—Luk. 55:12

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BIBLE STUDY



Mrs. W. E. 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: "Like unto Leaven"—Matt. 13:33-35



The eleventh and twelfth chapters of Matthew's Gospel tell a story of Jesus as He rebuked unbelievers and answered criticisms of the Pharisees. Then He left the house and went to the seaside. Crowds followed. Entering a ship He sat where the people along the water's edge could see Him. He knew how traditions had dimmed their vision. He knew too that they did not grasp the idea of a spiritual Kingdom. He taught them in parables. Later He went into the house with the disciples and answered their questions. He spoke other parables to the disciples. Thus seven parables are grouped in one day's teaching. These are recorded in the thirteenth chapter of Matthew. Looking at the seven together we see something of the nature of the Kingdom of Heaven, the conditions of entrance and the method of its establishment. Indeed the final purification of believers is promised.

Our parable for study today is the one in which Jesus said, "The Kingdom of Heaven is like unto leaven". Christ's best work in men's hearts cannot be seen. The result of this secret power is "a new creature". Christ's work upon the mass of humanity is unseen. The

leaven of Christianity will permeate the whole lump. "The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord". Peace will be established forever. "He shall have dominion also from sea to sea and from the river unto the ends of the earth".

Individual effort and personal influence spread the blessings of Christianity. Christ is the source of power to overcome evil and to bring about any change for good. It is not enough to cast out the old leaven of evil. The new leaven of Christ within the heart is the only hope.

This year you are using twelve missionary programs to set forth Bible teachings on the Kingdom. You enter the New Year with the prayer, "Thy Kingdom come". You will hear something of the story of the spread of the Gospel in the homeland and abroad. Through your mission magazines you will receive news of the leaven working among the races of men. You will be told of good accomplished by your gifts. You will become better stewards of life and blessings. You will go deeper into the meaning of the parables of our Lord. You will be transformed by the renewing of the spirit and you will seek to know the perfect will of God. You will watch reforms which do not succeed. You will contrast the power of regeneration with the strength of law. You will come to the end of 1936 convinced that "the soul of all improvement is the improvement of the soul". "Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven". "I love Thy Kingdom, Lord". "Thy Kingdom come!"

"The story, like a float, keeps the truth from sinking; like a nail, fastens it in the mind; like the feather of an arrow, makes it strike; and like the barb, makes it stick". (Dr. T. Guthrie)



Miss Isabelle Coleman, Virginia

Poster Suggestion: Sketch an arched opened gate through which are marching representatives in national costume from all nations of the world. They carry Christian flags as they enter the year 1936 inscribed on the gate. On the arch print *The Kingdom of God*. Under this significant picture, print announcement of meeting, and so forth.

New Year Contacting: Nineteen-thirty-six year books unique and attractive to business women are the dime-store, pocket-size diary or calendar books for recording daily appointments. Carefully fill out frontpiece for every member. On B.W.C. days, as scheduled for meeting, neatly print subject, leader, time, place and so forth. Mark significantly with Scripture the special seasons and designated days for prayer. On the cash account page print the circle's financial goal for 1936 and a stewardship verse. On the extra memorandum pages in the back, neatly print other facts and announcements desired in year book, as: monthly calendar of personal service, name of missionary supported by W.M.S. or church; roll and address of B.W.C. members, and so forth, so forth, as the needs suggest. Every member will treasure such a book for her purse not only for its B.W.C. facts but also for its practical use.

TOPIC for MONTH: The KINGDOM of HEAVEN IS LIKE . . .

Exaltation for 1936: "Lead On, O King Eternal" (See *W.M.U. Year Book*.)

Consecration for 1936 in Prayer

Explanation of the Watchword for 1936—John 20:21 (Page 5)

Dedication Hymn—"Take My Life and Let It Be"

Presentation of Business and News from Far and Near (Pages 12-13)

Consummation for 1936—"Thy Kingdom Come" (Page 20)

Invitation of "the King and His Subjects" (Page 21)

Exemplification of "the Nature of the Kingdom" (Page 22)

Impersonation of "the Enemies of the Kingdom" (in Costume) (Page 26)

Adaptation of This Challenge—(Duet) "Rescue the Perishing"

Commendation of "the Needs of the Kingdom" (Page 27)

Realization that "the Kingdom of Heaven Is at Hand" (Page 38)

Orientation of Our Own Hearts to His Kingdom—(Silence for Prayer and Meditation)



"Charter" Students of Baptist Women's Training School at Fukuoka, Japan—
Founded April 1935

PROGRAM PLANS

Mrs. T. M. Pittman, North Carolina

With the PROGRAM COMMITTEE

1936! A new date and, for our missionary societies, a new watchword—"Thy Kingdom come"—taken from the prayer our Lord gave to His disciples.



Jesus said to His followers, "After this manner pray ye". Then in His model prayer He gave as the first petition to the Father the request that His Kingdom might spread over the whole earth. In this prayer of less than seventy words there is a closing acknowledgment that the Kingdom has already been established through the power and to the glory of God. It was as if our Saviour told His bearers to pray first for the spread of the Kingdom and to close all prayers by thanksgiving to God for the Kingdom already in the world.

How many of us today include these two things in our prayers? If we translate this into our present day thoughts, it would mean a petition for the spread of the Gospel in our own land and throughout the world. The closing prayer would be of thanksgiving for those who have come into the Kingdom through the power of God and who are living to His glory. Should each of us surely pray after this manner, would not the Kingdom be more established in each heart and its spread throughout the world be more rapid?

The Program Committee can do much for the spiritual strengthening of the society through the right rendering of this program. It comes at a time when most people are making fresh resolves for the New Year. It should be the endeavor of the committee to strengthen the resolutions for more practical work for the coming of the Kingdom.

Where it is possible, these plans should be held before the meeting of the society. Fifteen-minute prayer services in some cases may be held in the church. Organizational plans should be urged to attend and all members trained.

A leader may suggest topics of prayer, but most of the time should be spent in voluntary or in silent prayer. Are there special objects the society is working for? Are there indifferent women to be reached? Are there young people to be trained? All these should be prayed for aloud or in silence.

Carry this spirit of prayer into the society meeting. Try to make the program a continuation of the prayer meeting that precedes it. The material given by Mrs. Creaman (pages 20-29) is full of the spirit of the Kingdom and should lead each member of the society to renewed dedication to Kingdom thoughts, words and deeds.

"Thy Kingdom Come" (page 20) gives the foundation for a talk that should explain the study outline for the year as well as give an introduction to the January program. The same speaker may also include in her talk "The King and His Subjects" (page 21). At the close of this talk, all should bow in silent prayer, each asking for herself that she may be a loyal, devoted subject of the Kingdom, one of whom the King need never be ashamed.

"The Nature of the Kingdom" (page 22) may be introduced by the leader. Three women may take the three topics:—"It Is Precious Like a Pearl"; 2—"It Is Powerful Like Leaven"; 3—"It Grows Like the Mustard Seed".

"Enemies of the Kingdom" and "The Needs of the Kingdom" may be united into one talk (pages 26-27).

If the above suggestions require more women than it seems best to put on one program, two women could divide the subjects between them. The great purpose in the thoughts of the Program Committee is to make this a meeting of spiritual power. Revivals have more than once begun in a group of prayerful women. Kingdom enterprises in our own localities may be strengthened and built up by our renewed zeal. The Sunday school, young people's societies, the weekly prayer meeting and other church services and undertakings should feel new strength coming to them through this spirit in the hearts of the women.

Those who have tried tithing for the past three or four months should be asked to do so again and others urged to join them. It is done that the coming of the Kingdom in other lands may be hastened, also in our own country.

In a small society, each woman may be asked to read a text referring to the Kingdom.

PROGRAM for JANUARY

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

Prepared by Mrs. C. D. Cressman, Tennessee

THEME for YEAR: Thy Kingdom Come
TOPIC for MONTH: The Kingdom of Heaven Is Like . . .

- Hymn for Year—Lead On, O King Eternal
 Watchword for Year—Jesus said: "As the Father hath sent Me, even so send I you".—*John 20:21*
 Bible Study—"Like unto Leaven"—Matt. 13:33-35 (See page 17.)
 Prayer that this may be a great year for the extension of the Kingdom of Christ
 Hymn—I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord Thy Kingdom Come —The King and His Subjects
 Hymn—Come Thou Almighty King —The Enemies of the Kingdom
 The Nature of the Kingdom —The Kingdom of Heaven Is at Hand
 Prayer that we may win the victory over the enemies of the Kingdom
 The Needs of the Kingdom —The Kingdom of Heaven Is at Hand
 Hymn—The Kingdom Is Coming
 Prayer that we may do our utmost to hasten the coming of the Kingdom

THY KINGDOM COME



"Thy Kingdom Come" is the theme of our program topics for 1936. What a beautiful, what a comprehensive, what a challenging theme it is! It is a prayer—a part of the model prayer which Jesus taught His disciples to pray.

It is a missionary prayer, and it can be uttered only by those who desire the reign of Christ in the hearts of all people. This prayer answered would solve all of earth's problems; would bring the end of all things evil and the glorious consummation of all things good.

The central word in this prayer is that much used Bible term, Kingdom.

This word is used 250 times in the Old Testament and 160 times in the New. Promises of a coming King and Kingdom run like a golden thread through prophecy, and references to this Kingdom appear on almost every page of the Gospels and frequently in the writings of Paul. There is much controversy among Bible scholars as to the whole meaning of the word kingdom as applied to the reign of Christ. Some fine distinctions are made as to the differences between the Kingdom of Heaven and the Kingdom of God. It will not be the purpose of these programs on the Kingdom to go into these muted theological questions. We shall keep to the interpretation of the Kingdom to which all agree, and that is: that for the present, at least, the Kingdom is spiritual. Some in our midst believe that the time will come, and perhaps is near, when Christ will return to earth, set up His Kingdom and rule here on earth for at least a thousand years. Others do not believe that the Kingdom will ever thus

become a literal fact. But we all believe that for the present the Kingdom is only spiritual. Paul said: "The Kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the

Holy Spirit". Jesus said: "My Kingdom is not of this world", and again, "The Kingdom of God is within you". In the words of Francis Edward Marten:

"Think not to find this Kingdom great,
 Upon some distant star,
 Or in the pomps of royal state,
 Or favored land afar;

Where sunny skies bend low to kiss
 The foliage's brilliant green,
 And souls of men are soothed to bliss
 In other climes unseen.

Serene although through doubt's cloud-rifts,
 Unseen in light of day,
 Within thy heart His Kingdom lifts
 Its never-ending sway!"

It is this Kingdom within us, this reign of Christ in the hearts of men, that we shall discuss in these programs which shall lead us to pray, "Thy Kingdom come".

This spiritual Kingdom knows no limits of geography or chronology. "Of His Kingdom there shall be no end", is the promise—no end as to space or time. It shall extend to all the people of all the earth. It shall reach even to the other world, for it is "of Heaven". It shall not end with time but shall extend on for ever and ever, for it is "of God" and God is eternal. As Dr. Alexander says: "It is present wherever will bows to God; it is future as to complete realization, in a Heaven from whence it comes and to which, like its King, it belongs even while on earth".

Thy Kingdom come! Surely it is the biggest, the greatest, the most important prayer that a Christian can utter. And that is to be the theme for our programs for this year. Let us go into this study with the hope that we shall, during the year 1936, learn to pray this prayer with more earnestness and understanding, and that we shall learn better how to hasten the time when His Kingdom shall come.

The KING and HIS SUBJECTS

A KINGDOM must have a King, and the nature of the kingdom depends

on the nature of the king. The reason that earthly kingdoms have so often failed is because earthly kings so seldom measure up to their kingly position. But the Kingdom of Heaven has the perfect King. Jesus, the son of God, is its King. Those announcing His coming to earth proclaimed Him as one whose Kingdom should have no end. Even while He lay as a babe, cradled in Bethlehem's manger, wise men came asking, "Where is He that is born King of the Jews?" Toward the end of His earthly ministry for a short period He assumed His position as King, riding into Jerusalem, the city of kings, and allowing His enthusiastic disciples to hail Him as King, shouting "Hosanna: blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" At His trial when Pilate asked, "Art Thou then a King?" He answered, "Thou sayest that I am a King". The inscription over His cross was, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews". To Paul Jesus was King not only of the Jews but also of the whole universe. He hails Him as King of kings and Lord of lords, and says, "He must reign until He hath put all enemies under His feet". Yes, Jesus is King. His will is supreme. His authority is absolute. His government shall never cease. Because He is holy, His Kingdom is holy; because He is divine, His Kingdom is divine; because

He is all powerful, His Kingdom is all powerful; because He is eternal, His Kingdom is without end. As George R. Mendling says:

"He is indeed a King, morally a King, intellectually a King, every inch a King. His Kingdom is almost world-wide. The highest geniuses of earth bow before Him. The greatest poets in the world praise Him. The best art is His. The noblest of architecture is His. The gems of literature are His. The loftiest music of the ages is His. Countless millions of human hearts are His. Ecce Homo! (*Behold the Man!*) Ecce Deus! (*Behold God!*) Ecce Rex!" (*Behold the King!*)

Every real kingdom must have subjects. Who are the subjects of the Kingdom of Heaven? There is but one answer—those who accept Jesus as King. The entrance into this Kingdom is by way of the blood, the royal blood of the King shed for the remission of sins. The pass words of entrance are repentance and faith. The symbol of membership is baptism. The invitation for entrance is universal—"Whosoever will, let him come". Membership in this Kingdom is not decided by lineage or title, or race relationships, or geographical boundaries, or color, or by terms of wealth or poverty, learning or ignorance. Subjects are born into this Kingdom by the new birth. There is no other means of entrance. And they become not only subjects but children of the King, "heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ".

The King of this Kingdom requires of His subjects loyalty, love and obedience, and those who are truly His subjects give these to Him in abundance. Dr. T. P. Stafford, in "A Study of the Kingdom", says: "Never did a king have subjects so loyal, so obedient. . . . He commands some to lay their heads on the block and they obey. He commands some to ascend the scaffold and they hesitate not. He requires some to face a frowning, sneering, hating world, inflicting tortures long drawn out, and they refuse not. He calls upon some to languish in jail, and they do it singing psalms. He sends some into far-

away jungles, and they go with radiant hope. Where He tells them to go the winter winds are as zephyrs. Because He commands it the heaviest burdens are light and the hardest tasks are easy". Napoleon said, in discussing the power of Jesus over His followers: "Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne and I myself founded great empires; but upon what did the creations of our genius depend? Upon force! Jesus alone founded His empire upon love, and to this very day millions would die for Him".

A British soldier whose wound was being probed for a bullet said, "Cut any deeper, Surgeon, and you will find the king". In his heart his earthly king was enshrined. In the hearts of the members of the Kingdom of God, Jesus is enshrined as King. He is there on the throne to be loved wholly, to be obeyed implicitly, to be served faithfully. Never was there such a King with such a Kingdom. May it expand until all men are His subjects!

The NATURE of the KINGDOM

TO DISCUSS in full the nature of the Kingdom we would have to quote a large part of the New Testament, for much of it is a study of the Kingdom, giving the life of its King, the requirements of entrance, its attributes and the laws governing its development and growth. Paul described the Kingdom in three meaningful words, declaring the Kingdom of God to be "righteousness and peace and joy". The word *right-*

eousness not only pictures the character of the King Himself, but it also indicates that all who enter His Kingdom must put on His righteousness and live a blameless life. The word *peace* not only indicates that those who are in this Kingdom have their peace of mind and soul that passes understanding, but it also suggests that the Kingdom is not one of hatred, strife and warfare but of fellowship and brotherly love. The word *joy* suggests all the blessings of the Kingdom in this world and the eternal bliss of the world to come.

Many of Jesus' teachings describe the nature of the Kingdom. His favorite method of beginning His discourses is by saying that "The Kingdom of Heaven is like". Then by parables, by metaphors and by comparisons He tells us of the beautiful mysteries of the Kingdom. He realizes that His Kingdom is too great, too wonderful for our finite minds to understand in full, and so He compares it to things we know about to help us better to understand its meaning. Let us take a few of His comparisons for further study of the nature of His Kingdom.

It Is Precious Like a Pearl

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like unto a man that is a merchant seeking goodly pearls: and having found one pearl of great price, he went and sold all that he had and bought it".—*Matt. 13:45, 46*

At the time of Christ the pearl was the most valuable of all jewels. The picture of the parable is that of a jeweler, one who had traveled over land and over sea seeking goodly pearls. He doubtless had a wonderful collection—big pearls and little pearls, black pearls and white pearls, pearls of every size and of every kind. Pearls were his passion. One day he heard of one special and very marvelous pearl, far more wonderful than any in his collection. The idea of that pearl possessed him. He thought of it by day. He dreamed of it by night. Then when he could wait no longer he went to see it. And he found that it was even more marvelous than he had dreamed, for suspending any jewel he had ever seen. "What was its

price?" he asked and then, in trembling excitement, awaited the answer. When the value was given he learned that it was a pearl of great price, worth far more than all his other jewels put together. Perhaps at first he felt that he couldn't give up all his gems for just one. Doubtless he returned to his shop, determined to forget the great pearl. But oh how poor and ugly his collection looked in comparison with the one pearl! He made up his mind that he had to have that pearl. So he sold all of his pearls, all of his other gems, his shop—everything he had—and bought the one pearl of great price.

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like that", said Jesus. It is as valuable as the pearl of great price. It must be sought earnestly, but all may find it. A pearl seeker may never find the one best pearl in all the world, but in the Kingdom of Heaven all that seek shall find. All must be given up to obtain the pearl of great price, but it is worth infinitely more than it costs. Yes, the Kingdom of God is worth more than houses and lands, than wealth and fame, than beauty and pleasure—more than all the vain things that men strive after. We can well afford to give up all the paltry gems of life in order to possess this one pearl.

There is a sense in which the Kingdom of God costs nothing. Its entrance is free, for the King paid the price with His own precious blood. But those who enter the Kingdom find also that there is something to give up, that it costs something to be a follower of Jesus. "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me". "He that loveth father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me". Yes, we must give up things for the Kingdom of Christ, but we soon learn that this pearl of great price is worth more than all we give up for it. If we seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness behold we find that all other good things are added unto us. When we give up all for the pearl of great price we soon find that every other gem worth anything is

turned to us with a new luster added to its beauty.

The great missionary, David Livingstone, made the following resolution: "I will place no value on anything I have or may possess except in its relationship to the Kingdom of Christ. If anything I have will advance the interests of that Kingdom it shall be given up or kept as by keeping or giving it I shall most promote the glory of Him to whom I owe all my hopes, both of time and eternity. May grace be given me to adhere to this!" In these words is found the spirit of all true missionaries. They gladly leave homeland and friends and all things dear to go out and endure hardships and privations that the Kingdom might be extended. To them surely the Kingdom is a pearl of great price, worth more than anything else in the world. Have we placed this value on the Kingdom? If so then we too will be willing to make real sacrifices for the sake of that Kingdom.

It Is Powerful, Like the Leaven

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened".—*Matt. 13:33*

The picture here is a commonplace one—just a woman with flour and yeast making bread. What an ordinary thing with which to compare the greatest power in the universe! How like the Master to bring the Kingdom down to where we live, to something we can understand! We all know the power of the yeast in the bread. It is what gives the bread life and rising quality. This woman had three measures of meal, or about a bushel and a peck, and only a little bit of the leaven. But she mixed them together and the leaven had the power to change every particle of that bread. This parable can be applied, first, to the individual life. Christianity, like the leaven, working slowly and quietly, transforms every part of man's moral nature, every capacity of his till the entire man, spirit and soul and body, is changed. Then that individual himself becomes as leaven, operating on the life of his neighbor. His influence

spreads through the lives of others like the leaven penetrates the dough. And the combined influence of Christian individuals working through their churches, through every Kingdom agency, spreads through the world like the leaven in the widow's meal.

The figure of the leaven reminds us that the influence of the Kingdom is often invisible and silent. Just as the leaven was hidden in the meal and began its transforming work without outward show, so does the Kingdom of Heaven often work without noise or outward demonstration of its power. Before we know it a great lump of dough is leavened by its quiet influence. How often has this been demonstrated in the life of some individual—some quiet unostentatious person with Jesus in his heart—who works for the Kingdom without the knowledge of others and by and by the world learns that a great force has been in operation.

Another lesson from the leaven is that it works through contact. "The dough is not put on one shelf and the leaven on another; the bit of leaven is plunged into the heart of the mass, and then the woman kneads the whole up in her pan and so the influence is spread". "Each particle of leaven affects those particles next to it, these the next and so on until the whole mass has been permeated with the fermenting power and the heavy lumps of dough have been changed into light loaves of bread, ready for baking". Surely the Kingdom is like that. Its influence is to be spread by personal contact. Those who have the message are to tell it to those who have it not and on and on it is to go until everybody has it. That is the way the Kingdom has spread thus far: the early disciples told others and those told still others until it came to you and me. And by this same method it must go on and on, the leaven working its way out to the whole lump.

It Grows Like the Mustard Seed

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like unto a grain of mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field; which indeed is less than all seeds: but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and

becometh a tree, so that the birds of the Heaven come and lodge in the branches thereof".—*Matt. 13:31, 32*

The mustard seed, while not the smallest of all seed, was the smallest known to the Jewish people. The rabbis had the habit of calling the smallest possible quantity "the quantity of the mustard seed". Yet though so small, when it was sown and grown up, it became larger than all the other herbs and put on great branches so that birds could lodge under their shadow. It was this seed that Jesus used to illustrate the growth of the Kingdom. Even while He spoke this parable the Kingdom was starting in a very small way, like the smallest seed known to His bearers, but He promised them that it should become like a great tree.

How wonderfully has the promise of this parable come true! The Kingdom started in such a small way—just a babe lying in a manger in a little practically unknown Judean town. That babe became a man, working great wonders and teaching great doctrines, but He was despised and rejected by the mighty ones of earth. His followers were only a few fishermen and peasants belonging to a subdued nation. He Himself was finally crucified and buried. But He arose from the dead, rallied His few followers and, after commanding them to spread His Kingdom throughout the earth, ascended to Heaven, leaving the task with them. Such a small beginning—not many more than 500 in all the world—just a grain of mustard seed. But, oh, how that seed did grow! Three thousand were added to their number in one day. Within a few years the Kingdom was preached throughout the Roman Empire. By the end of the 1st century there were half a million Christians, by the end of the 2nd century two million, by the end of the 10th century fifty million, and in 1930 the nominal Christians of the world numbered six hundred and eighty million. Surely the mustard seed has become a great tree.

We find in the history of the progress of the Kingdom many illustrations of the mustard seed parable. There is the

story of the English Bible. Four hundred years ago the common version was first given to the people. Who can estimate the influence of the Book during these years? "Think of what it has done in the building up of the character of the English-speaking people of the world. Think what it has done through the institutions of Christianity which have been nourished by it. Think of all the fruits of the Scriptures in personal lives in education and culture". And today over thirty million copies are sold annually by the American Bible Society. The mustard seed has grown to great proportions.

The modern missionary movement started in a small way—just one poor Baptist cobbler preacher, studying his Bible and the map of the world while he mended shoes. And now behold a movement in which every denomination is engaged and which has spread to every known country of the world! American missionary work started with a hay stack prayer meeting conducted by a few students. And today thousands of people give millions of dollars annually to send the Gospel around the world to a billion lost people.

Consider southern Baptist beginnings. In 1845 three hundred and twenty-eight delegates, representing a constituency of about three hundred and fifty thousand, organized the Southern Baptist Convention, and today we number over four million.

Consider the beginnings of missionary work in China. Just a little Baptist church of five members organized by Mr. and Mrs. Shuck, and today hundreds of churches with a membership of 41,450 in our Baptist churches, there being over four hundred thousand Christians of all denominations in China.

We could go on into every country and into every department of our work with illustrations of the growth of the Kingdom. History proves that the Kingdom of God grows like a mustard seed. So let us despise not small beginnings but take our lesson from the mustard seed, believing that by the

power of God our small beginnings may grow to great achievements.

ENEMIES of the KINGDOM

COME of the parables of the Kingdom as told by Jesus reveal that there are many enemies fighting the progress of the Kingdom in the world. In the parable of the sower He tells of thorns choking out the seed of the Word. In another parable He tells of the evil one sowing tares among the wheat. Let us consider some of the forces of evil which are as thorns and tares working against the growth of the Kingdom today.

Low Moral Standards—Low moral standards are as tares among the wheat of righteous living. We need only to look around us, or perhaps in our own hearts, to realize that moral ideals are getting lower all the time. Where are our old-fashioned ideals of modesty, honesty and right living? We wink at things today that would have been absolutely forbidden among decent people a few years back. Even Christian people are feeling that it is an evidence of wisdom, emancipation and progress to set up new standards of moral and social conduct. Divorces are becoming more prevalent and are held in less disrepute every day. Not only our young men but our young women are smoking cigarettes and thinking that it is all right. Strict Sabbath observance is almost a thing of the past. In most of our cities and towns the stores, filling stations and even ball parks and picture shows are open on Sunday just as during the week. And where is the family that really observes the day as a sacred one? Alas, the day is given over—even by Christians—to big dinners which somebody must cook, to reading the enlarged Sunday editions of the newspapers which are full of anything but sacred reading matter, to joy rides, family parties, picnics etc. These tares of low moral standards are choking the spirituality out of the lives of the children of the Kingdom, making them unfit for Kingdom service.

Materialism—The world is money mad. People are forgetting God for

gain. They are selling their souls for wealth. What is it that produces corruption in politics? Desire for money. What is it that makes men dishonest in business? Desire for greater profits. What is it that is back of every gambling device? The appeal of unearned possessions. What is it that so often makes women forget God and His Kingdom? The love of cars and clothes, of furniture and fashion, of powders and perfumes, of rich food and riotous living. Material things so absorb their attention that there is no time or thought or money for the spiritual things of God's Kingdom. The cares of this world choke out the seed of the Word of God which should be bearing fruit in their lives.

Race Prejudice—There is no greater enemy to the cause of Christ than race prejudice. Where did the idea originate that one race of people is superior to another? Certainly not with God, for "God is no respecter of persons, . . . and hath made of one blood all nations of men". All races have their strong points and their weak ones, each is superior in some lines and inferior in others. If we chance to be superior in some respects to other people it is because we are especially blessed of God and He expects us to use those special blessings not in displaying the superior attitude over others but in the humility of loving service. "He that is greatest among you let him be servant of all" is a rule which applies to nations as well as to individuals. Those who have been commissioned with the task of giving the Gospel to foreign nations tell us that the superiority complex of the white race has been a great stumbling block in the progress of the Kingdom. Some man of the colored race has explained the paleness of the white man by saying that once he was colored and God asked him what he had done to his brother and he turned white with fear. Food for thought in that, don't you think?

Hatred—God is love. Jesus came to bring love into the world. There is no place for hatred in His Kingdom, and yet the world is full of hatred. The first

child ever born into the world hated and killed his brother. Ever since brothers have been hating and destroying each other. There were ten thousand murders in the United States last year. We had to our shame a record of fifteen lynchings for the year 1934. All too often there are dissensions even in our churches—Christian brothers hating and fighting each other, when they ought to be working together to spread the Kingdom of love around the world. The thorns of hatred, how they choke out the seed of love and hinder the growth of the Word of God in the hearts of men!

War—Hatred and greed and race prejudice lead to war. Even while this is being written two nations (*one of them being a so-called Christian nation of the "superior" white race*) are at each other's throat in grim and desperate warfare. Yes, after all of our efforts for peace—with the World Court, the League of Nations and many other organizations working for international good will—the tramping of soldiers and the roaring of cannon shout in our ears: "You say peace, peace, but there is no peace". Even before this program shall be given we may be in the midst of another world war. All of Europe is an armed camp, and our own nation is spending (1935) over a billion dollars on its army and navy. How can we hope to bring in the Kingdom of the Prince of Peace when Christian nations are ready to fight each other at the slightest provocation? There is no place for war in the Kingdom of God—except for war against the evils in our own hearts and in the world about us. We should do everything possible against these tares that the evil one has sowed in the world. We should do our utmost that the seed of the Word may grow and bring in a great harvest of souls won to the Kingdom.

The NEEDS of the KINGDOM

AS WE discuss the needs of the Kingdom we turn to two other parables of Jesus. The first is the parable of the householder. Jesus said, "The

Kingdom of Heaven is like unto a man that was a householder who went out early in the morning to hire laborers into his vineyard". We remember how, according to the parable, that as the day progressed he hired group after group to go work in his vineyard. Even at the eleventh hour finding others standing, he said to them: "Why stand ye here all the day idle?" To which they replied, "Because no man has hired us". Then said he, "Go ye also into my vineyard". Surely this parable suggests the great need of *enlistment*. So many Christians, so many Baptists still stand idle all the day while there is much work waiting to be done in the vineyard. At least sixty-eight percent of southern Baptists are absolutely unenlisted in any Kingdom work. I am sure that Jesus would say to these: "Why stand ye here all the day idle? Have you not heard My command to go and preach the Gospel to every creature? Know you not that millions are dying who might be reached by your money, your prayers and your service? Why stand ye here idle while the Kingdom has so great need of your service?" And perhaps many of these unenlisted ones would answer: "Because no man has hired us. Because nobody has made us realize the importance of the command to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom; because nobody has told us of the need of earth's lost millions; because no one has enlisted us". Yes, a need of the Kingdom is to enlist all the unenlisted.

Give us a watchword for the day,
A word to guide us all the way,
A word to rouse us from our rest
To work and pray and do our best;
A word to thrill us and inspire
And call us to attainments higher.
The call is given, let none resist,
Our watchword is ENLIST! ENLIST!

The other parable which suggests a need of the Kingdom today is the parable of the talents. This is too familiar to need to be retold. We know its lesson of *stewardship*. What we need today is faithful stewards in the Kingdom. The King is away for a period, and He

has left us with talents, abilities, material possessions, all of which He expects us to use for His glory. And alas! many of His servants have rolled their talents in napkins of indifference and selfishness and have buried them by disuse and misuse. Southern Baptists have a combined annual income of over a billion dollars. Our tithe would be about a hundred and twenty-five million and yet we gave last year less than twenty-five million to all causes, only about four million being for missionary and benevolent causes. Our average per capita income is about \$300 a year. A tithe of that would be an average of \$30 a year for each southern Baptist. But our per capita gifts last year were only \$5.63, and our per capita gifts to missions only 93c. Per member gifts by the day were less than one-fourth of one cent. Only one out of every nineteen of us is a tither. Surely then the need of the Kingdom is more faithful stewards—those who will pay their tithes and use all the Lord's gifts for the Lord's glory till He comes again.

The KINGDOM of HEAVEN IS at HAND

JESUS' message as He began His ministry was, "The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand". What a glorious, what a hopeful, what an arresting message was that! Listen, you Galilean fishermen, you Judean shepherds, you priests and scribes and Pharisees, all you children of Israel, the Kingdom of Heaven—all that for which you sigh and for which you have waited so long—is here, right at your hand. The King is come and walks among you. The Kingdom which He was to bring is at hand. This King-

dom means healing for your sick. It means sight for your blind and hearing for your deaf. It means a Gospel of good tidings preached to your poor. It means forgiveness of sin. It means salvation for the lost. This Kingdom, this glorious Kingdom of righteousness and peace and joy is at hand, so near that all you need to do is to reach out and take it and claim it as your possession.

In this good year of 1936 I think I hear the old message ringing out again, "The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand". The Kingdom of Jesus with all of its hope of salvation for a lost world is at hand. It still means healing for the sick. It still means rest for the weary. It still means salvation for the lost. The opportunities of today bring the Kingdom closer at hand even than it was when the King Himself walked the earth. He reached only a few people; we can reach millions. His spoken word reached only to those within the sound of His voice; His written Word has been translated into over 800 languages and can be sent around the world. When He was here people were not ready to receive Him in any great numbers; but today the whole wide world is open to His message and the hearts of people of many nations are ready to receive Him. In all His earthly mission He won only about five hundred converts; we can hope during this year to baptize maney, many times that many in His name.

The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand! Let us reach out and claim its blessing and seize its opportunities as we go out to spread the glorious tidings of the coming of the Kingdom to people of every nation.

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. What is our watchword for this year?
2. How many times is the word Kingdom used in the Old Testament? In the New?
3. Give Scripture showing that Jesus is King.
4. Who are the subjects in the Kingdom of Jesus?
5. Discuss the manner of entrance into the Kingdom of Heaven.
6. How is the Kingdom like a pearl of great price?
7. How is the Kingdom like leaven?

8. How is the Kingdom like a mustard seed?
9. Discuss the growth of the Kingdom.
10. Discuss some of the enemies of the Kingdom.
11. Mention two parables that suggest the needs of the Kingdom.
12. Discuss the need of faithful stewards.
13. Discuss the Kingdom's need of enlistment.
14. What percent of southern Baptists are unenlisted?
15. What can we do to meet the present opportunities of the Kingdom.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

The Window of Y.W.A.	—World Comrades
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By GOD'S GOODNESS, for GOD'S GLORY

THE last report (Nov. 1) as to the 1935 Annie W. Armstrong Offering for Home Missions showed that the Home Mission Board had received \$101,426.39, which was \$2,073.61 short of the March week's goal. However, in the goal of \$103,500 was included an item of \$1,500 for pensions for Home Board missionaries, but the Board has decided not to enter into the pension plan and thus the \$1,500 was not needed for such a purpose. Therefore, the goal might have been set at only \$101,926, which the actual receipts failed to reach by merely \$493.61. Surely such a record was a good gift from God and surely it will greatly add to His glory!

But suppose some individuals, some circles, some societies had given just a little more! How easily the \$493.61—or even the \$2,073.61—could have been raised! The goal for the 1936 Annie W. Armstrong Offering is \$105,000. Right now will not individual members, circles and societies plan to give this March at least 10 percent more than they gave last March, thus revealing all the more the goodness and glory of God?

THIS up-to-date picture of "Miss Royal Service" is the artistic gift of Miss Beulah Huber and Miss Catherine St. John, both from Carmi, Illinois. Graphically does it forecast the time when its banner will proudly and gratefully bear the name of each state which reaches its annual goal of renewals and new subscriptions for the magazine. Help your state thus to be distinguished and also thus to be more missionary minded because you and your circle and your society



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"At HOME to the FUTURE"



Abbie Graham, scintillating author, remarks that on "New Year's Eve I am at home to the future. I wait to hear her ring the doorbell of the world". Continuing in imaginative vein she describes the arrival of this guest with her hands full of gifts—hours, moments, changing seasons, "boons so rare". As the W.M.U. young people's director or counselor of any W.M.U. organization quiets her heart on New Year's Eve she too can be "at home to the future", and the gifts that 1936 brings to her will be not merely temporal ones. There will be in the hands of this beguiling future all the opportunities of a new year in missionary education. These are priceless in potentiality.

Have you looked at the Standard of Excellence as powerful in moulding life? Those regular meetings—with their moments of worship, their study of God's world plan, of world conditions—may bring His directing voice to one or to several of your members. That new member to be enlisted will miss the motivation of missions in her life unless you win her. Lessons of stewardship learned now in youth will finance the Kingdom in adult days, while similar habits of consistent Christian attitudes and soul-winning taught in personal service planning will be building the Kingdom in coming years. The weeks of prayer may be high moments of spiritual blessing in the lives of our busy, too often materially minded youth. The Standard of Excellence is no mechanical rod, goading with stern demands, but a lifting help to guide against omitting some valued section of organization activity.

The Standard of Excellence is a customary gift of any year, but 1936 it will bring unusual gifts in the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Sunbeam Bands and in the observance of the Shuck Centennial. In the W.M.U. Year Book for 1936 are paragraphs about these two permanent celebrations which should be thoughtfully read and considered by W.M.U. directors, plans being made by them to profit by the impetus of these two efforts. New Sunbeam Bands should be started—in the director's own church if there is none there, or organized Sunbeam Bands may help the associational young people's leaders in extending Sunbeam Band influences to churches without missionary education organizations. More

Sunbeam Bands should become A-1 this year than ever before and this should be constantly kept before Sunbeam Band leaders. The new Standard of Excellence wall chart—Wan Chuan (price 25c from W.M.U. Literature Department, 1311 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Alabama)—will be a delight to all Sunbeams. There are new Chinese "Brought One" cards ready for you at your state W.M.U. headquarters on request, to be given to those who bring new members. Sunbeam Band Focus Week will be observed in February and the other auxiliaries will follow in turn the second week of the second month of each quarter—Y.W.A. in May, G.A. in August and R.A. in November. These weeks proved successful in 1935 but the 1936 observance can be far more useful in making our Baptist constituency missionary education minded.

Looking at the gifts which the future holds, no wise director will overlook the immediate help offered in manuals or by study of "Telling You How" (price 50c from state Baptist Book Store) or in the pursuance of the Correspondence Course as evaluated on page 61 of the 1936 W.M.U. Year Book. Do not make the mistake of endeavoring to work without tools.

Less tangible but freighted with joyous possibilities are the values of the missionary magazines as seed-sowing forces in the lives of children and young people. It is imperative to increase the number of individual subscribers to *The Window of Y.W.A.* and to *World Comrades*, for these are more than program magazines and bring real zest and enthusiasm when subscribed to and read by the individual young people. Wise W.M.U. directors and counselors will present the gift of reading to the mothers in W.M.S. and by individual solicitation, not to reach a goal in number of magazines but to provide worthy literature in the homes. If 1936 could become a large subscription year it would undoubtedly be a larger and more successful missionary education year. On New Year's Eve write this propaganda into your plans, applying it to Ann Hasseltine and to Grace McBride Y.W.A.'s, also.

Quietly on New Year's Eve you may look around and see where a new missionary education organization could be started and find that the future brings this opportunity as a gift to you. Use it and all her opportunities well for thus you shall come upon a "Happy New Year!"

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

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

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY of SUNBEAM BANDS



As the new calendars take their places we want to begin, at once, to think in terms of our Sunbeam Band Fiftieth Anniversary. Recalling the value of past Sunbeam activity will strengthen our conviction in regard to enlarged Sunbeam service today. In answer to the questionnaire published some months ago in

Royal Service, many fascinating stories of the helpfulness of Sunbeam Band membership have come to light. From these selection will be made during different months of 1936 to encourage present Sunbeam Band leaders to look forward to future reaping from the missionary seed sown today. This first biographical hit comes from a pastor. Are there boys in your Sunbeam Band now who will some day fill our pulpits? Undoubtedly so. Does this enhance the joy of your leadership? It should. Does this fact urge your W.M.S. to organize a Sunbeam Band? It should. What if through your neglect some child Samuel fails to bear, to understand and to answer: "Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth"? Your W.M.S. will want to start a Sunbeam Band at once, will wish to foster the existing Sunbeam Band more prayerfully after reading this reminiscent word from Rev. John Elvery Veal, associate pastor of Arlington Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn.

From Sunbeam Band to Pulpit

IN THE final analysis the Sunbeam Band is the one organization of the church for children, which furnishes the foundation of their Christian training. I would not belittle the other organizations—such as the corresponding class in the Sunday school, or the Story Hour in the Training Union—but, from personal experience, the Sunbeams, if led by a consecrated leader, can leave more lasting impressions. The reason for this could perhaps be placed upon the fact that the Sunbeams hold their meetings at times when there is nothing to divert attention and the Sunbeam Band is an organization *concerned in itself*, though part of the entire W.M.U. In my effort to say something about the Sunbeams and their work that might encourage and help the leaders and parents of those who belong to the Sunbeam Bands, I shall try to give you the working and the influence created by the Band of which I was a member.

"Some are born to command, others to obey" but in the Sunbeam Band of the Hillsboro Baptist Church, in Virginia, we were taught to do both, as there is a time when most of us are called upon both to lead and to obey. Perhaps, though, the words "command" and "obey" in my case are hardly adequate expressions, as I had a kind, patient leader in the person of our pastor's wife, Mrs. J. W. Wildman. She was consecrated and efficient and loved to work with children of this age, so that under her guidance the members of our band were able and willing to fill any office and take any part on the program assigned to them. There was no argument about who should hold the highest office, or who should do this or that. In this way at an early age we learned cooperation, which became so habitual to me as to be quite natural now. I might say that our Sunbeam Band was no exception. It was small and much like those we find today.

In the next place our organization must have been an unconscious factor in discovering and developing our various talents, for upon thinking back I remember that some made better secretaries than others, others were better presidents, and some were better able to lead in prayer, others to make short talks etc. At an early age I became convinced that my life's work would be to become a minister of the Gospel. This conviction continued until I was half through high school, when I came to the conclusion I could serve best as a school teacher. To make a long story short, I tried various things for several years but was never satisfied. Finally I realized that God had called me to the ministry, so I abandoned everything else and returned to my original conviction.

When I saw Miss Mather's request, in an issue of the *Royal Service*, for old Sunbeams to fill in a questionnaire, I began to think back to the time when I was a Sunbeam. The outcome was I realized that the Sunbeam Band with its associations and teachings had undoubtedly played a large part in my final decision to become a minister of the Gospel. "The small, still voice" heard in the Sunbeam Band and heeded through the years. I was not the only one who profited by Sunbeam training in our Band, for from time to time I hear from my fellow Sunbeams and find that they have become useful and thrived Christian workers.

In conclusion I would add a word to you

ents. Some of you may think the Sunbeams unnecessary but, Christian Mother, the earlier you start teaching your children the things of the Kingdom and the earlier they learn the things that can be obtained through the Sunbeam Band, the more noble their Christian work will be. Much credit is due to my own mother in helping the Sunbeam leader, for she found time to help me by prayer and constant effort to take the part on the program which had been assigned to me or to hold the

office to which I had been elected to the best of my ability.

Many people erroneously think that the Sunbeam meeting is just an hour of play and recreation for their children. It is more than this. Through the work of the Sunbeam Band mansions are built for eternity. I would appeal to the mothers of the children of Sunbeam age. Take the Sunbeam work seriously, realize that the Sunbeam leader needs help and render that help by becoming interested in the work your own child does in the Sunbeam Band.



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"Home Again!"

FOR fifteen fruitful years as a highly trained and consecrated teacher in the S.B.C. school system at Hwanghsien in north China Miss Clifford E. Hunter devotedly labored. Then she returned to her native Georgia to make a home for the little ones of her sister who had been taken to the Heavenly Home. For seven years she mothered them and then pneumonia came and it was "Home again" for her. At the 1934 Foreign Missions Week at Ridgcrest Miss Hunter clearly and constrainingly plead for a consistently missionary life in one's own church, whether on the foreign field or in the homeland. It is easy to believe that she matched her words by her deeds and that her home, her church, the W.M.U. Training School from which she graduated in 1911, the Hwanghsien community and the Kentucky W.M.U. which she once capably served as corresponding secretary praise her for her "very works", even as one feels that rich was her reward when she was "Home again!"

It was even so that the call—"Come Home!"—came last September to Mrs. A. Worthington of Pawhuska, Oklahoma. For the past five years she had worked devotedly side by side with her husband as a missionary of the Home Mission Board to the Indians at Pawhuska. Last April she and Mr. Worthington attended the annual meeting of their divisional W.M.U., at which time their high school daughter was one of the best speakers in the Stewardship Declamation Contest. This is but one proof of the constant faithfulness of Mrs. Worthington's stewardship of life. Surely she is keenly missed by the Indians and by her family, to whom Woman's Missionary Union expresses sincerest sympathy.



MARGARET FUND



Chairman: Mrs. Frank Barney, Waynesboro, Ga.

"FORGET-ME-NOT"

"And write it in their hearts".—*Heb. 8:10*

"The gist of New Year's Day is—*Try again*. The markings of time have their spiritual significance".

In this new day we shall *try again* and, with words of fire, we would write big in your hearts—

"Margaret Fund!" We would write it in your hearts because we believe the Fund has great spiritual significance. Through the \$250 scholarships, that Woman's Missionary Union gives to sons and daughters of southern Baptist missionaries, we are being privileged to deal with many lives who have "written in their hearts" a desire to serve our Master definitely in missionary activity. The Margaret Fund has functioned now long enough for us to see great spiritual harvests. We praise our Heavenly Father that seven more children of former missionaries were appointed by our Foreign Mission Board at its October meeting. We have faith to believe many others will be ready when we Baptists can send them out as missionaries.

"Write it in their hearts" that our Margaret Fund has been multiplied and blessed of God. We do not want to forget that now we have several departments in this work. The Endowment Fund of the Margaret Fund is kept intact. Only the interest from investments, in Liberty Bonds, is used in granting scholarships. The Endowment Fund is now \$64,000. This grew out of the first memorial gift of \$10,000. You remember it was first invested in a home—the Margaret Home in Greenville, S. C. When the property was

sold, at splendid profit, the amount was invested in an educational fund—which was called the Margaret Fund. The states by gifts have increased it, and a few individuals have made contributions to this principal. Today we praise God for this amount which is our working basis for our scholarships.

We would write it in your hearts that the requests for scholarships are so many that our Fund needs *enlarging*. We beg you to remember it with large gifts and legacies in your wills.

The "markings of time" have brought another department—the Emergency Fund of the Margaret Fund. Every work has emergency calls, and sometimes our requests for scholarships are greater than our appointments guarantee. We deemed it expedient and wise to create and maintain an Emergency Fund. Offerings gathered during the 10th Anniversary celebrations and the Margaret Memorials gifts made a splendid beginning for such a department. Markings of time bring sad and serious emergencies and we thank our Heavenly Father for this department. We would write it in your hearts that the finding of "Margarets" and enrolling them in our Margaret Memorial Book have been a happy way of enlarging this department, and that when you send \$2 to the Margaret Memorial you aid in increasing the Emergency Fund which has been a real blessing to some of our missionaries.

The Elizabeth Lowndes Scholarship we trust to complete this year. Our goal was \$7,000. It is to be a scholarship in excess of a regular scholarship. This scholarship will go to the student during the senior year who has been outstanding in scholarship, leadership, influence for the three preceding years. This scholarship is in loving appreciation of Mrs. Elizabeth Lowndes, who has the Margaret Fund "written big in her heart" and served Woman's Missionary Union as treasurer almost forty years.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, AUXILIARY TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
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Mrs. W. J. Cox, Treasurer

STATES	Reported by State Treasurers as Having Been Remitted by Them to the Respective Boards						Received by W.M.U. Treasurer			Cash Total	
	Cooperative Program Undivided	Debt Paying Campaign	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Ministerial Relief	Christian Education	State Missions and Other Objects in S.B.C. Program	Marg. Fund and W.M.U. Tr. Sch. and Marg. Mem.	W.M.U. Training School Executive Committee S.B.C.		Scholarship Fund
Alabama.....	\$.....	\$ 872.33	\$ 2,823.94	\$ 1,296.38	\$ 491.66	\$ 4,446.19	\$ 7,108.70	\$ 450.00	\$ 46.85	\$.....	\$ 17,536.05
Arizona.....	51.00	56.34	26.29	7.88	19.34	442.53	12.95	1.07	.....	617.40
Arkansas.....	694.85	6,419.79	360.23	85.80	923.82	4,044.16	147.10	14.73	300.00	12,990.48
D. C.....	2.83	.....	2.83
Florida.....	26,376.68	120.50	1,829.70	853.92	246.17	974.20	4,076.47	126.98	32.09	25.00	8,285.03
Georgia.....	2,203.80	1,962.55	192.87	1.50	39.25	1,671.94	861.09	32.67	200.00	33,542.35
Illinois.....	210.35	213.13	1.77	3.00	85.24	5,257.42	148.18	2.58	.....	5,921.67
Kentucky.....	1,572.15	5,559.13	2,424.38	713.39	3,443.26	10,193.83	1,226.61	71.95	425.00	25,629.70
Louisiana.....	720.97	336.69	100.94	999.79	7,942.90	300.00	20.00	.....	10,421.29
Maryland.....	6.10	1,014.33	241.39	163.60	229.04	2,623.91	.....	.....	100.00	4,378.37
Mississippi.....	1,671.61	1,083.28	547.79	193.20	1,463.13	2,826.65	510.53	23.19	100.00	8,419.38
Missouri.....	2,075.79	1,094.11	187.95	1,914.73	4,374.81	531.00	34.25	400.00	10,612.64
New Mexico.....	1.39	.....	.....	2,694.10
N. Carolina.....	25,125.36	706.82	2,067.15	127.00	2.00	117.24	6,239.56	1,860.00	87.14	700.00	37,032.27
Oklahoma.....	1,894.50	410.50	197.00	2,198.40	4,103.60	593.00	.....	.....	9,397.00
S. Carolina.....	180.45	4,889.54	2,331.22	674.51	1,654.13	12,666.05	800.00	73.99	400.00	23,669.89
Tennessee.....	2,765.43	9,003.05	3,370.08	997.02	7,486.11	15,572.90	600.00	114.40	400.00	40,308.99
Texas.....	4,072.37	6,726.62	3,253.05	3,138.83	27,277.08	40,540.20	831.35	46.08	.....	85,885.58
Virginia.....	4,930.10	13,886.23	2,153.74	1,412.74	8,378.55	20,976.86	1,002.00	193.99	.....	52,934.21
Special.....	2.68	.....	2.68
Totals.....	\$51,502.04	\$20,057.86	\$62,226.04	\$19,021.41	\$8,617.19	\$61,649.50	\$153,330.20	\$10,025.79	\$801.88	\$3,050.00	\$390,281.91

SIGNING EACH YEAR AS TITHERS



At the W.M.U. annual meeting in Fort Worth, Texas, in 1934 it was decided to ask every W.M.U. tither to sign again each calendar year, one of the chief reasons being that to do so will remind such tithers of their high resolve to "honor Jehovah with 'their' substance and with the first-fruits of all 'their' increase". This page and the following one are to be used for these re-signatures, these two pages, with their double columns, being perforated so that they may be readily detached. The Stewardship Chairman will find it easy to "line" extra sheets of paper or to borrow the perforated pages

from members' copies of the magazine, so that every tither may duly sign. As formerly, the signature of each new tither is to be inscribed on the Stewardship Covenant Card which is free upon application to the state W.M.U. headquarters (address on page 2). Unless the state has a different plan, the general policy is for each organization to keep the signatures and signed cards of its tithers, merely reporting the number according to the state plan. If in doubt as to your state plan, please write to your state W.M.U. headquarters.

