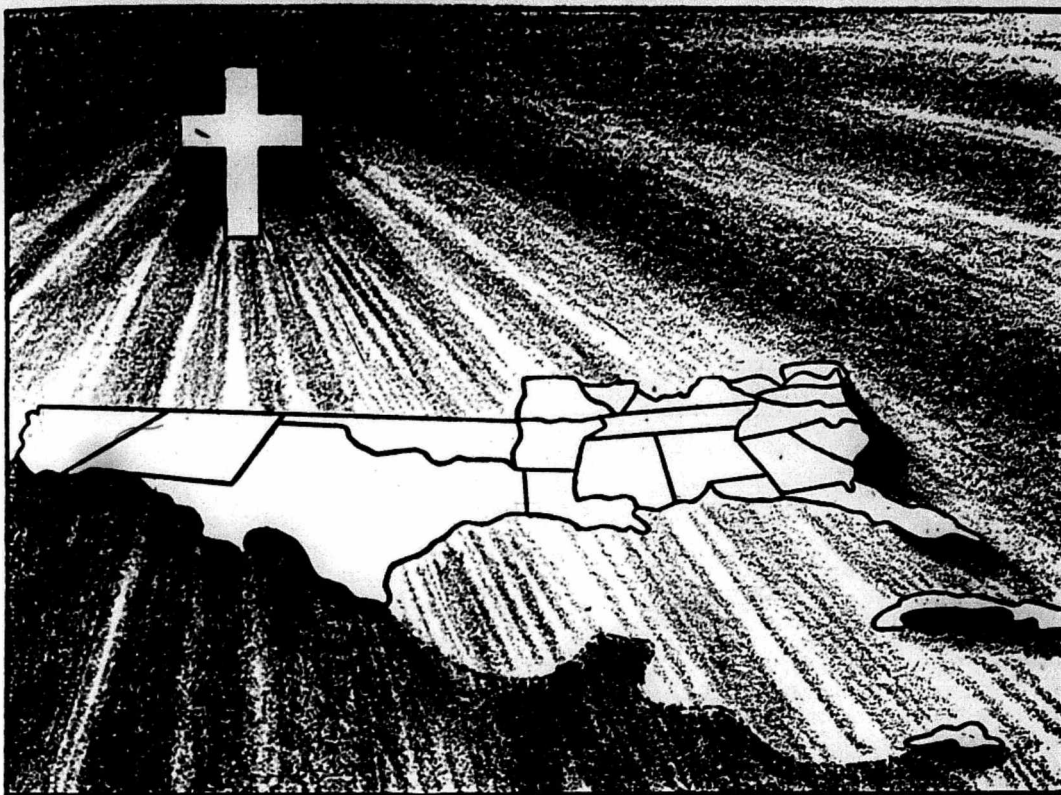


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EDITORIAL

An ANNIVERSARY and a WATCHWORD

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



Anniversaries have a peculiar appeal to the hearts of women. To credit this appeal to sentiment is not wholly just for it has a far deeper significance. Events that link themselves with heart experiences are inevitably dear in memories' shrine. Whatever the event, if it be very close to the heart, its recurring date becomes a memorable occasion. This being true in personal experience it is the more easily understood that historical events furnish to organizations and nations opportunities to re-kindle loyalties. Thus the commemoration of national events serves to re-light the fires of patriotism, and the celebration of significant occasions or movements in church and denominational life helps to renew spiritual fervor. Anniversaries are times of rededication.

Such an anniversary is this year 1936. American Baptists unite to celebrate the opening in China of their first mission work there and Chinese Baptists, multiplied thousands of them, join in commemorating the centenary of this marvelous beginning. It is however of peculiar significance to southern Baptists because the young missionaries commissioned to carry the Good News to that far away land were southerners, son and daughter of "old Virginia". And so it is that last year—the anniversary of their going out—and this—the anniversary of their arrival in China—our minds and hearts are steeped in holy sentiment and are rekindled by the missionary passion which moved those talented, devoted young Christians and those who tarried at home, "holding the ropes", just one hundred years ago.

Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, joins in the celebration of the "China Centennial" which it is sincerely hoped will move all southern Baptists to renew their zeal for world-wide missions. But this anniversary means profoundly more to southern Baptist women. Through a whole year of thought and study and planning we have come to think of it as the Shuck Centennial. Understanding woman hearts enter into the experiences of that first woman, Henrietta Hall Shuck, as she became an emissary—an unwelcome one—to an alien land. How eagerly we follow her story, her first efforts, her early successes; and with what joy we recount the fruits of her labors as evidenced today in Christian lives and institutions in that land of her adoption. Our missionary purposes are quickened as we see what, in these one hundred years, God has wrought.

Frequently we see very clear evidences of the Guiding Hand in the life of W.M.U. In the choice of the watchword for the year there is a peculiar relation to the stirring of the missionary spirit which this significant anniversary year enjoins upon us. How admirably its clear statement of the missionary obligation of the followers of Jesus serves to inspire us for the missionary task; how fittingly it unites our hearts and inspires us to renewed devotion to the cause which moved Henrietta Hall and J. Lewis Shuck—the missionary cause, old, yet ever new. I commend to you for re-reading the clear and forceful interpretation of our year's watchword by Dr. Dana as given on page 5 of January *Royal Service*. Because its missionary command is as binding on us today as upon the disciples to whom Jesus first addressed it, as upon Henrietta Hall and J. Lewis Shuck, as upon all who have followed in their train, we shall do well to accept the full implication of this watchword of ours and use it in the widest possible sense to re-kindle in this anniversary year the fires of missionary zeal.

Missions know no boundaries. It is now the season when the phase of missions which we call home missions is central in our thought and study, in our prayers and sacrificial giving. With the searching question—"Who is my neighbor?"—uppermost in mind and heart the impelling force of the year's watchword will "open our eyes that we may see" the imperative need in our home fields. To the homeland or lands afar, wherever men have not heard the Good News, Jesus bids us: "Go ye." As the Father hath sent Me even so send I you!

ANNUAL MEETING

"ON to ST. LOUIS"—"The CAPITAL of the 49th STATE"



The Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, will hold its 48th annual session in St. Louis, Missouri, during the week commencing May 10. The exact dates will be announced later.

"Old St. Louis", founded by LaCade more than a century ago—rich though it is in historic lore—is now a solid and substantial metropolis, the foremost city of the Mississippi Valley and the largest city in the "Louisiana Purchase". Every modern development—civic, commercial and social—is present. St. Louis offers the advantage of modern metropolitan life, with all its exhilarating stir and sparkle. Its immediate urban population is 830,000 but in Metropolitan St. Louis, including its natural suburbs, live more than a million and a quarter people.

Because of its location in the center of the country and its superior transportation facilities, St. Louis is the most accessible of American cities. At the cross-roads of the nation, St. Louis sees the ebb and flow of the nation's traffic at its very door. Fast direct train service, as well as air service, makes it easy of access and its concrete highways, leading from all directions, invite the motorists to this "City of a Thousand Sights".

To Missouri more than a century ago came the very cream of the citizenry of America; the early pioneers crossed the "Father of Waters" with a rifle in one hand and a Bible in the other, despite the warning that had been given by a certain element that the Bible should never cross the Mississippi River. They were God-fearing men and women of the highest type—men of endurance and undaunted courage.

In the early days came John Mason Peck and James E. Welch, pioneer missionaries to this section of the country. Over trails and through the wilderness they travelled many weary miles on horseback and carried, in their saddle bags, plans that for over one hundred years have influenced Baptist missionary work and Baptist education.

It is not surprising then that St. Louis Baptists and especially Baptist women of the city are more than confident that St. Louis is the ideal location for the 1936 meeting. Since the meeting is such an important factor in the furtherance of Baptist missionary work, both at home and abroad, and the programs are especially planned for the purpose of information, encouragement and inspiration to W.M.U. officers, leaders and teachers, therefore we urge a larger attendance for this 48th annual meeting.

The hotel facilities of the city are amply adequate to care for the Baptist hosts from the southland. The New Hotel Jefferson—"The Aristocrat of St. Louis", located at 12th and Locust—has been chosen as W.M.U. headquarters.

The New Hotel Jefferson is heir to a gracious hospitality carried down through generations. Comfort, convenience and complete service are its watchwords. It is conveniently located as to the Municipal Auditorium, a \$6,000,000 structure that is the last word in convenience, adaptability and comfort.

Shall we not then, as we contemplate our coming together, be much in prayer that God's richest blessings may rest upon our 1936 annual meeting?—Mrs. W. E. Atkins, St. Louis W.M.U. Publicity Chairman



FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



Mrs. H. R. Moseley, who is one of the Home Board's missionaries in Havana, Cuba, has contributed the following appealing stories. She also wrote: "The Seminary opened here the first week in December with nine students. Seven of them live with us. They occupy the little tent-like rooms on the roof. Very modest quarters for a Seminary dormitory! But the Great Teacher was born in a manger!"

A CUBAN PICTURE

THERE is a little book published in Spanish called "Selected Portions from the Word of God". That is just what it is: strictly Bible text, but selected parts, like the 23rd Psalm—the story of the Prodigal Son—Jesus and Nicodemus—Isaiah 53rd—and many others which you and I love so well and which so few Cubans know.

I had carried a lot of these little books out to Calixto Garcia Hospital, with its hundreds and hundreds of patients, and had distributed all of my wares. The visiting hour was over, and I was leaving. From the street I was attracted by a sound from an upper window. Perhaps it is against the rules for patients to talk to people in the street. At any rate, a young Cuban girl stood at the window, making signs to me. She was a patient, in her hospital gown, and this is what she did:

With her hands she measured the size of the book of selected portions—its length and then its width—and then she pointed to herself. In fact, she pointed to her heart. I wonder if that was a mere coincidence. But she wanted one of those books for herself, and there was not one left. I had given them all away. I hated to leave her standing there with a great need which I could not supply.

Can't you see her in your heart? A sick girl, framed in a hospital window, pointing to herself and begging for the Book which tells about the Great Physician who can cure every ill and is the only Specialist for sin-sick souls!

That is the picture I send to you, beloved, to be framed in your hearts. It is a picture of Cuba—sick and helpless and realizing her need, as she beckons to you, pleading for the Word of God.

SOWING the WORD

LATE afternoon in the patio of our Baptist mission at Guanajay, Cuba. While talking with Miss Garnett, the resident missionary, a nice looking Cuban came out into the patio and approached us, smiling. Extending his hand to me, he said: "You do not know me, senora?" I did not, until Miss Garnett said: "This is Sr. Reigosa". Then I remembered.

More than a year ago she had written, asking me to go to see Mr. Reigosa who was ill in a hospital in Havana. He was not a Christian. In fact, he was opposed to his wife's attending our services over in Miss Garnett's field and made it rather difficult for her.

I visited him several times and gave him a New Testament. There were long days in the hospital, and there was little to read and very few friends in this big city to visit him. So in his loneliness, he read "the little Book". It did the rest. He was baptized several months ago and was now a delegate to the provincial convention of Pinar del Rio Province, in session at Guanajay. He had not known my name, but he said: "I told Miss Garnett I would know you if I ever saw you again. And last night when I came into the meeting you were at the piano, and I recognized you at once"—and now he had come to greet me; he was not a hospital patient any more but was one who had been healed by the Great Physician and had confessed His name before men. Verily "My Word shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it".

W. M. S. Programs for Week of Prayer for Home Missions

March 2-6 Inclusive, 1936

OBSERVED by WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, S.B.C.

MONDAY: March 2, 1936

SUBJECT—"Lift Up Your Eyes and Look—"

THEME for WEEK—Christ Uplifted in the Homeland

"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Myself". —John 12:32

HYMN—"We Praise Thee, O God"

PRAYER by PASTOR

SCRIPTURE—John 4:35; Isa. 40:26; John 12:20-50; (in Union, Verse 32 of John 12)

HYMN—"Jesus Paid It All"

PERIOD of MEDITATION with Hearts Uplifted

MESSAGE from Annual Reports of Union's First Corresponding Secretary, Miss Annie W. Armstrong of Baltimore, Md. (See page 7 of week's W.M.S. program folder.)

PRAYER for Miss Annie W. Armstrong—(1) for her missionary vision; (2) for her 18 years of service as the unsalaried W.M.U. corresponding secretary; (3) for God's abiding peace and watch care over her and her loved ones

HYMN—"Faith of Our Fathers"

TALK by PRESIDENT — (Suggestions for this talk will be found in notes to W.M.S. president on pages 1-3 of week's folder.)

TALK by PROGRAM CHAIRMAN (This talk should emphasize the drawing on page 1, the week's theme, the purpose of the day's program which is "a survey of the home mission fields and the opportunities for service".)

MAP LESSON (Using costumed W.M.U. young people, have an "Indian" boy point out, on the map furnished by Home Mission Board, where Indians are located in S.B.C. territory; a "foreigner" girl point out where foreigners are thus located; a "mountain" boy, the mountain people; a Y.W.A., the French; an R.A., the Mexicans and Spanish-Americans; a G.A., the Jews; a Negro woman, the Negroes; a Seaboard, Cuba and Panama; an R.A., the Chinese.)

SEASON of PRAYER that W.M.U. young people and women may have the home mission map engraved upon the tablets of their hearts

APPEAL of HOME MISSION BOARD (See appeal on page 4 of week's folder.)

PRAYER for Dr. J. B. Lawrence and Home Mission Board

HYMN—"I Gave My Life For Thee"

TALK—Meet the Missionaries (From Home Board's free booklet by that title give sketches of missionaries in Cuba.)

TALK—Blessings in Cuba (See article by that title on page 8 of week's folder.)

SEASON of PRAYER for Cuban Work and Workers

HYMN—"Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?"

TALK—How a Jew Found the Light (See article by that title on page 9 of week's folder.)

PRAYER for Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Gartenhaus and for all Christian Jews in the south, for all other Jews and for Christian efforts to evangelize them

RENDERING of LEAFLET—Outgoing Missionaries (Order leaflet for 2c from W.M.U. Literature Dept., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS of Week's Plans

PRAYER that Annie W. Armstrong Offering may exceed its goal of \$105,000 and that each W.M.U. organization in the church may exceed its goal

INGATHERING of OFFERING

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION as Given for Monday on W.M.S. Envelope

HYMN for YEAR—"Lead On, Oh King Eternal"

TUESDAY: March 3

SUBJECT: "Lift Up Your Voice and Pray—"

THEME for WEEK—Christ Uplifted in the Homeland
"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Myself".—John 12:32
HYMN—"There Is No Name So Sweet on Earth"
SCRIPTURE—Isa. 52:7-10; 40:1-11; Repeat in Unison John 12:32
PERIOD of MEDITATION with Hearts Uplifted
MESSAGE from Annual Reports of Miss Annie W. Armstrong of Baltimore (See page 10 of week's folder.)
PRAYER of thanksgiving for the results during the past forty-one years of March Week of Prayer Offering for Home Missions
HYMN—"Tis the Blessed Hour of Prayer"
TALK by PROGRAM CHAIRMAN (This talk should call attention to poster furnished by Home Mission Board as to John 12:32 and should explain that the purpose of the day's program is to emphasize the importance of the March Week of Prayer and to show how it sustains our mission work.)
TALK—Causes to Be Helped by 1936 Annie W. Armstrong Offering (See list on page 5-6 of week's folder.)
SEASON of PRAYER for These Causes
TALK—The Home Mission Board's Largest Mission Field (See article by that title on page 11 of week's folder.)
TALK—Meet the Missionaries (From Home Board's free booklet by that title give sketches of missionaries among the Negroes.)
PRAYER for Rev. and Mrs. Noble Y. Beall and All Work in Behalf of Negroes
HYMN—"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"
RENDERING of LEAFLET—Prayer in the Modern World (Order leaflet for 2c from W.M.U. Literature Dept., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)
TALK—Meet the Missionaries (From the Home Board's booklet by that title give sketches of missionaries among foreigners other than Mexicans in southwest and French along Gulf Coast.)
TELLING of STORY—A Chapter in the Life of Mary Ballucio (See story by that title on page 12 of week's folder.)
SEASON of PRAYER for Work and Workers among Foreigners
HYMN—"Let the Lower Lights Be Burning"
ANNOUNCEMENTS of Week's Plans
PRAYER that each W.M.U. organization in the church may surpass its goal and that the \$105,000 southwide goal may be surpassed
INGATHERING of OFFERING
SCRIPTURE MEDITATION as Given for Tuesday on W.M.S. Envelope
HYMN—"America the Beautiful"

WEDNESDAY: March 4

SUBJECT: "Lift Up Your Feet and Go—"

THEME for WEEK—Christ Uplifted in the Homeland
"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Myself".—John 12:32
HYMN—"Jesus Saves"
SCRIPTURE—Psa. 72:2-4; Isa. 52:7; Repeat in Unison John 12:32
PERIOD of MEDITATION with Hearts Uplifted
MESSAGE from Annual Reports of Miss Annie W. Armstrong of Baltimore (See page 13 of week's folder.)
PRAYER of THANKSGIVING that the observance of the March Week of Prayer and its Annie W. Armstrong Offering are blessed means of being "laborers together with God"
HYMN—"Awake My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve"
TALK by PROGRAM CHAIRMAN (This talk should call attention to the Home Board's poster of its missionaries and should also explain that purpose of day's program is to show the need for men missionaries to preach the Gospel to the peoples of our own country and that it is our duty to send, encourage and assist them.)
PRAYER, interceding for the missionaries and for a sense of deepening responsibility toward them and the work

RENDERING of LEAFLET—The Guest of Honor (Order leaflet for 3c from W.M.U. Literature Dept., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

HYMN—"Lord, Speak to Me"

TALK—Meet the Missionaries (From the Home Board's booklet by that title give sketches of the missionaries among the Indians.)

TALK—Southern Baptist Indian Missions in Oklahoma (See article by that title on page 14 of week's folder.)

TALK—For Indians in New Mexico (See article by that title on page 15 of week's folder.)

SEASON of PRAYER for S.B.C. Missionaries and Work in Oklahoma and New Mexico

HYMN—"Break Thou the Bread of Life"

ANNOUNCEMENTS as to Week's Plans

SEASON of PRAYER for Such Plans and for Week's Observance throughout the South
INGATHERING of OFFERING

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION as Given for Wednesday on W.M.S. Envelope

HYMN for YEAR—"Lead On, Oh King Eternal"

THURSDAY: March 5

SUBJECT: "Lift Up Your Hands and Give—"

THEME for WEEK—Christ Uplifted in the Homeland

"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Myself".—John 12:32

HYMN—"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

SCRIPTURE—Psa. 28:1-9; 90:17; Repeat in Unison John 12:32

PERIOD of MEDITATION with Hearts Uplifted

MESSAGE from Annual Reports of Miss Annie W. Armstrong of Baltimore (See page 17 of week's folder.)

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING for God's "Unspeakable Gift" and that "God loveth a cheerful giver"

RENDERING of LEAFLET—The Measure of the Gift (Order leaflet for 3c from W.M.U. Literature Dept., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

HYMN—"Give of Your Best to the Master"

TALK by PROGRAM CHAIRMAN (This talk should explain Friday's plans for a continuous Day of Prayer and should also explain that today's program seeks to stress the importance of the Annie W. Armstrong Offering and the missionaries and work it will support. Attention should again be called to the Home Board's poster with pictures of the missionaries and to the list of causes on page 5-6 of week's folder.)

TALK—Meet the Missionaries (From the Home Board's booklet by that title give sketches of workers in mountains)

TELLING of STORY—Far Back in the Mountains (See story by that title on page 18 of week's folder.)

PRAYER for mountain people and Christian work among them

HYMN—"A Charge to Keep I Have"

TALK—Meet the Missionaries (From Home Board's booklet by that title give sketch as to Miss Ollie Lovelady.)

TELLING of STORY—Within the Walls (See story by that title on page 19 of week's folder.)

PRAYER for Chinese in southland and for all efforts to evangelize them

HYMN—"Is Your Life a Channel of Blessing?"

TALK—Meet the Missionaries (From Home Board's booklet by that title give sketches as to workers among the deaf.)

TELLING of STORY—Ellen Hears and Heeds God's Voice (See story by that title on page 20 of week's folder.)

SEASON of PRAYER for: (1) Work and Workers among the Deaf; (2) Observance of Friday as Day of Prayer; (3) Exceeding of Week's Goal by Each W.M.U. Organization in Church; (4) Exceeding Southwide Goal of \$105,000

ANNOUNCEMENTS as to Friday's Plans

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SCRIPTURE MEDITATION as Given for Thursday on W.M.S. Envelope

HYMN—"Wonderful Words of Life"

LORD'S PRAYER (in Unison)

FRIDAY: March 6

DAY of PRAYER

—LORD'S PRAYER

SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN—"Oh, Worship the King"

TALK by PROGRAM CHAIRMAN (This talk should explain the general plan for this Day of Prayer, its chief purpose being "praise to God, our Father, for His goodness and for the opportunities He opens for us in His harvest field".)

SCRIPTURE—"Lift Up Your Heart and Praise"—Psa. 48:9-14

REPEATING (in Union) Theme for Week: "Christ Uplifted in the Homeland"—"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Myself"—(John 12:32)

MESSAGE from Annual Reports of Miss Annie W. Armstrong of Baltimore (See message on page 15 of week's folder.)

PRAYER of thanksgiving for Miss Armstrong and all other pioneers in southern Baptist home mission work

HYMN—"More Love to Thee, Oh Christ"

PRAYER for ITALIANS and OTHER FOREIGNERS in SOUTHLAND (See requests for prayer on page 21 of week's folder.)

TALK—More Abundant Harvest (See article by that title on page 25 of week's folder.)

TALK—Work in East St. Louis (See article by that title on page 26 of week's folder.)

HYMN—"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

PRAYER for JACKSONVILLE (Fla.) BAPTIST MISSION (See requests for prayer on page 22 of week's folder.)

TALK—For the Negro (See article by that title on page 27 of week's folder.)

TALK—In New Orleans (See article by that title on page 28 of week's folder.)

PRAYER for All Home Board Work among French and Negroes and for Dr. J. W. Beagle, Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, Miss Emma Leachman and for Rescue Mission in New Orleans

HYMN—"Rescue the Perishing"

TALK—Our Missionaries among the Mexicans in the Southland (For data see Home Board's free booklet "Meet the Missionaries".)

TALK—Concerning Mexicans in the Southwest (See article by that title on page 29 of week's folder.)

TALK—The Beginning of the Observance of the Weeks of Prayer among the Mexican Churches of Texas

PRAYER for Work among Mexicans in SOUTHWEST (See requests on page 22 of week's folder.)

HYMN—"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

TALK—Our Missionaries among Spanish-Americans (For data see Home Board's free booklet "Meet the Missionaries".)

TALK—The Beginning of the Observance of the Weeks of Prayer among the Mexican Churches of Texas (See article by that title on page 29 of week's folder.)

TALK—The Call of the Southwest (See article by that title on page 30 of week's folder.)

PRAYER for SPANISH-AMERICANS in SOUTHWEST (See requests on page 22 of week's folder.)

PRAYER for INDIANS (See requests on page 23 of week's folder.)

HYMN—"Faith Is the Victory"

TALK—In Havana and Vicinity (See article by that title on page 31 of week's folder.)

TALK—"I Was Sick and Ye Visited Me" (See article by that title on page 32 of week's folder.)

PRAYER for CUBA (See requests on pages 23-24 of week's folder.)

HYMN—"Bringing in the Sheaves"

PRAYER for Canal Zone

TESTIMONIES as to Observance of Season of Prayer by W.M.U. Young People's Organizations

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN—"Must I Go and Empty-Handed?"

RENDERING of LEAFLET—"We Prayed and Gave. Will You?" (See Home Board's free leaflet by that title.)

SENTENCE PRAYERS for Surpassing of Goals for Annie W. Armstrong Offering by W.M.U. Organizations in the Church and Southland

INGATHERING of OFFERING

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION (Use Scripture as given for Friday on W.M.S. envelope.)

HYMN for YEAR—"Land On, Oh King Eternal"

BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Explanatory Note—This additional B.W.C. program for this month is for the convenience of Business Women's Circles in their observance of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, the inclusive dates of which are March 2-6. If your circle has not received a copy of the W.M.S. program folder carrying the programs for the first four days of the Week of Prayer, please write to your state W.M.U. headquarters (address on page 2). The closing day (Friday) is the "Day of Prayer" and it is earnestly hoped that many B.W.C. members will make a very special effort to get to the services some time during that Friday, the sixth. The following B.W.C. program has been framed by selecting parts from each of the first four days' programs. For its preparation will be needed the W.M.S. folder mentioned above. The regular monthly B.W.C. program is on page 31.

**B.W.C. PROGRAM for
MARCH WEEK of PRAYER**

Theme for Week (in Union): "Christ Uplifted in the Homeland"—"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Myself"—John 12:32

Hymn: "We Praise Thee, O God"

—Prayer

Scripture: John 4:35; Isa. 52:7-10; Psa. 72:2-4; 28:1-9

Message from Annual Reports of Miss Annie W. Armstrong (See page 7 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

Talk: Blessings in Cuba (See page 8 of folder.)

Season of Prayer for Cuban Work and Workers

Hymn: "There Is No Name So Sweet on Earth"

Talk: The Home Mission Board's Largest Mission Field (See article on page 11 of folder.)

Prayer for All Work in Behalf of Negroes

Telling of Story: A Chapter in the Life of Mary Bellucio (See story on page 12 of folder.)

Hymn: "Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve"

Talk: Indians in Oklahoma and New Mexico (See articles on pages 14-15 of folder.)

Season of Prayer for Work and Workers among Indians, Jews, Italians, French and Other Nationalities in Southern Baptist Territory

Telling of Story: Within the Walls (See page 19 of folder.)

Appeal of Home Mission Board (See appeal on page 4 of folder.)

Prayer that Annie W. Armstrong Offering may exceed its goal of \$105,000 and that circle may exceed its goal

Ingathering of Offering

—Prayer

LEAFLET HELPS for HOME MISSION WEEK of PRAYER

March 2-6, 1936

Leaflets for Woman's Missionary Society	For Girls' Auxiliary
Monday—Outgoing Missionaries 2c	"My Word Shall Not Return—Void"..... 2c
Tuesday—Prayer in the Modern World. 2c	For Royal Ambassador Chapter
Wednesday—The Guest of Honor..... 3c	Our Land for Christ..... 2c
Thursday—The Measure of the Gift..... 3c	
Leaflets for Young People	For Sunbeam Band
For Young Women's Auxiliary	"Bony-Meeny-Miny-Mo"..... 3c
The Enlarged Vision 4c	

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MARGARET FUND



Chairman: Mrs. Frank Burney, Waynesboro, Ga.

"FORGET-ME-NOT"—OUR MARGARET FUND



The Margaret Fund proves to the missionary's child that the W.M.U. is a great mother heart that does not forget. The following "proof" is from Miss Helen Bagby, who in October was appointed an S.B.C. missionary to Porto Alegre in south Brazil:

Last year in a brief public address I mentioned the great benefits of the Margaret Fund to the missionary's child. One of our zealous W.M.U. women remarked later: "I am certainly glad you spoke so highly of the Margaret Fund, for I can go back to my church with one more evidence of its value to present to our women. There are several among us who feel that the Fund should be discontinued since they claim it is not doing enough to justify the efforts expended".

I wonder if those who have thus expressed themselves have ever had a heart-to-heart talk with these children of God's exiles. I wonder if they have ever cared enough to look down deep into the lives of the little Christian immigrants who seek spiritual and mental growth in the land which would be theirs by birth but for the love of the Christ which led their parents to give up "house and brethren and sisters and father and mother and children and lands".

I have often heard my mother say, trying to waive aside the idea of sacrifice so commonly attached to the word "missionary": "The greatest hardship that we as missionaries have to face is that of giving up our children for their education in our homeland at the most critical period of their lives". One of the clearest mental pictures of my childhood is that of following Mother down the long corridor of our home and school building in Sao Paulo, Brazil, as she bade her seventeen-year-old boy farewell—he was sailing to the United States for "an education". She could not trust herself to face the separation in such a public place as the railroad station, so turned from him at the front door and, closing it behind her, murmured barely audibly: "It's just like putting him in his grave". My untired, "unsuffered" mind questioned the strange words, for wasn't Brother going on a lovely long steamer trip to beautiful, Godly U. S. A.?

There was no Margaret Fund in those days to bridge the financial chasm, no Margaret Fund Mother to spur a fellow on to brave endeavor. Years later I too took the idealized "pleasure trip" but soon found myself confronted with the greatest problems of my life. Though surrounded by kind, sympathetic, Christian friends in cherished Mary Hardin-Baylor I was completely alone. I lived within a world of my own, for I could not claim the new one that seemed so strange—thoughts, habits, humor, language, dress, social life and even religion were different, in all or certain details, from what I had known. A terrible period of adjustment followed. When, trying to keep pace with the enforced environment, I reached down into my empty purse, the test often seemed too great even for a missionary offspring who had posed as "an example" from birth. If the lack of mere accessories produced so depressing an effect, what then if I had been confronted with quarterly or monthly bills for board and tuition which are cancelled by mutual agreement between the Margaret Fund Committee and our denominational institutions?

"But God is faithful who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it". That great Father-Heart knows and soothes the strange new aches in the "orphaned" breast and provides a great mother-heart that cares.

W.M.U., W.M.U.,
We're indebted to you—
We, the host who your bounty has shared.
Though unworthy we be
Just imagine what we
Might have been if you had not cared!

Your Margaret Fund
All our future has sunned
And we're hoping to send out that light.
We had a good start,
Then you added your part,
So we'll try now to fight the good fight.

P. S.—Three Bagby children and six grandchildren have already been grateful beneficiaries of the Fund.



SHUCK CENTENNIAL



TRIBUTE to HENRIETTA HALL SHUCK

Morattico Baptist Church
Kilmarnock, Va., Oct. 17, 1935



Two important and significant celebrations of widespread interest have taken place in Virginia during the past week—one, to honor the memory of one of her greatest sons, Robert E. Lee—the other, in which we participate to-day, to honor the memory of one of her greatest daughters, Henrietta Hall Shuck, first American woman missionary to China and mother of educational missions in that great land. The one served the south and his God with distinguished fidelity and brilliance. The other, by setting up a Christian home and opening the first Christian school in China, displayed unsurpassed heroism and brilliant achievement.

It is significant and fitting that the great missionary organization of her state and the southwide Woman's Missionary Union, through its representatives, have made a pilgrimage to her home today to express appreciation for the vision, the pioneer characteristics, the selflessness, the high courageous faith of her twenty-seven beautiful years. This is a day of rejoicing!

A tribute to her is a tribute to the community in which she was born and reared. She grew up in the midst of beauty and, to one sensitive and tender, this has a formative influence. God has been generous to this country. Its soil is fertile and productive, its rivers and creeks are numerous and abounding in a variety of delicious sea food, its landscapes of fields and richly wooded slopes, indented by beautiful and romantic streams, thrill and lift the spirits. Responsive to this is the spirit of its people. God's generosity has not been

for naught. Even the humble and underprivileged love to give of what they have. From the labourer with an occasional job, who said to the lady who had been kind to him, "I am going to give a day's work for your garden", to the prominent merchant, who through a long business career never has sent a bill to a widow for goods purchased by her husband, there obtains the finest spirit of generosity. These people love to give and they give with lavish hand. A daughter of this land would not be true to its ideals if she did not give generously of what she had. In the case of Henrietta her gift was her best—herself.

The spiritual heritage of the Northern Neck of Virginia is a rich and glorious one. From early colonial days, when the famous Carters of Corrotooman founded old Christ Church, through the period when other denominations established their congregations, this community has spiritual aspirations which have borne and are bearing fruit to the glory of God. The history of its churches and great camp meetings can never be fully recorded because it is written in the hearts and lives of its men and women. Then when we recall that Luther Rice, that flaming missionary evangel, touched this tidewater section of Virginia, we can understand how missionary interest spread from heart to heart and missionary zeal began to flourish in these churches.

A tribute to Henrietta Hall Shuck is also a tribute to a home that nurtured the highest Christian ideals. Here were intensified those graces of generous consideration, hospitality, good example and faith in God. The father, Addison Hall, was a commanding figure in the community, a man of sterling worth. He went out from his home presided

over by his consecrated wife, fitted and fortified for his calling as a lawyer and, later in life, as preacher of the Gospel.

Hand in hand they walked: he, the gentle man; she, the lady, the loaf-giver as the old Saxons put it. It was a home of gentle folk from which Henrietta came, but one "in fair compassions skilled". They loved "the true, the excellent and made their daily moves a melody".

This tribute would not be complete without mention of the Christian school. To those devoted teachers who, by precept and example, held up constantly high standards of character and service, we give honor, as having a large part in moulding and directing the plastic nature of the young and ardent girl committed to their charge. Here Henrietta found encouragement for her consuming desire to qualify as a missionary of the cross. Many deemed this desire as visionary and impractical, but not to these devoted hearts. May we not believe that they joined their prayers with Henrietta's that the way might open, and rejoiced with her when it did?

Given all these influences—the church, the school, the home, the community—there was still Henrietta. If she had not let the power of God motivate her and strengthen her, we had not gathered today to honor her, and the inauguration of the work in China would have been indefinitely delayed. We praise God for her divinely endowed imagination, that enabled her to see clearly the condition of those who do not know Christ, and for His leading her forth to triumph with the Anointed One.

How beautiful is her love story! Two prepared hearts with the same aspirations brought together in God's good time, for a glorious ministry!

Here we are in her loved Virginia and in her home church, hallowed by the ministry of her girlhood pastor and friend, Dr. J. B. Jeter, and by the ministry of her beloved father. It is good to be here, for truly this is a sacred place!

Florists have adopted the slogan, "Say

it with flowers", and a good one it is. If I could go to her resting place in far away Hong Kong, I should wish to carry with me some token from her Virginia home. I should like to go into the woods, where she loved to meditate, for some sprays of cedar, because its brave defiance of the storm reminds me of her fortitude. I should add some laurel for victory—that victorious faith, that overcame in the midst of hardships, misunderstandings, disappointments, cares and poor health, and enabled her to keep "a heart at leisure from itself to sooth and sympathize"; and ferns to speak of the gracious womanliness of her, and violets in their autumn flowering for her modesty and charm. Then from carefully tended gardens, we must add red roses for the fragrance of her knowledge of Christ, white roses because she wore "the white flower of a blameless life before a thousand piercing littlenesses", and pink roses for her youthfulness. Now on the wings of our imagination, we shall make our flight to the land of her adoption. From an orange tree, which bears its beautiful burden of fruit and flowers at the same time, we would pluck sprays of fragrant blossoms to surround our Virginia flowers because we recall the fruitful years in China. Now have we not told the story with flowers, the story of this fair and consecrated daughter of Virginia?

I have preferred to speak of those spiritual characteristics which we all share in varying degrees, not but what she was a woman of alert and comprehending mind, of exceptional facility with the difficult Chinese language and with marked ability for teaching and organizing, but because we must stress the message of her life—obedience to the will of God. If we follow her in this, we shall make our lives beautiful too.

She broke the alabaster box of the precious ointment of her life for China, and this that she hath done shall be spoken of as a memorial of her twenty-seven beautiful years.—Mrs. H. M. Wharton

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Calendar of Prayer March, 1936

Prepared by Mrs. Maud E. McLure, Georgia

ERE thou risest from thy bed,
Speak to God whose wings were spread
O'er thee in the helpless night—
Lo, He wakes thee now with light!
Lift thy burden and thy care
In the mighty arms of prayer.

Topic: Woman's Contribution to the Kingdom

1—SUNDAY

Pray for faithful observance of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 2-6 inclusive.
They ought always to pray and not faint.—Luke 18:1

2—MONDAY

For Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary of Home Missions Board, Atlanta, Georgia. Also for Dr. J. W. Beagle, field secretary of missions in the homeland.
We must work the works of Him that sent Me.—John 9:4

3—TUESDAY

Pray that the Anne W. Armstrong Offering for Home Missions may far exceed the goal.
He that giveth let him do it with liberality.—Rom. 12:8

4—WEDNESDAY

Pray for Rev. and Mrs. Maurice Aguilard, workers among the French, Basle, La.
Our sufficiency is from God.—II Cor. 3:5

5—THURSDAY

For Miss Leachman, field worker for Home Missions Board, Atlanta, Ga.
The upright shall behold His face.—Psa. 11:7

6—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. M. E. Heard, workers among Pima Indians, Casa Grande, Ariz.
My hope is in Thee.—Psa. 39:7

7—SATURDAY

For teachers and students in Home Board schools in southland and Cuba. Pray also for work in Panama.
Seek ye Jehovah and His strength.—Psa. 105:4

8—SUNDAY

Pray for native Baptist women in Cuba.
Thou hast enlarged my steps under me.—Psa. 118:16

9—MONDAY

For Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, mission study editor for Home Missions Board.
If any man love God, the same is known by Him.—I Cor. 8:3

10—TUESDAY

For Miss Mary Headen, worker among foreigners, Birmingham, Ala. Also for annual sessions of W.M.U. of North Carolina, Raleigh, March 10-12, inclusive.
Follow after righteousness.—II Tim. 2:22

11—WEDNESDAY

For Misses Lillian Thomason and Hannah J. Plowden (on furlough), University of Shanghai, China.
The Father Himself loveth you.—John 16:19

12—THURSDAY

For Miss Agnes Graham (on furlough), Colegio Bautista, Temuco, Chile.
The prayer of the upright is His delight.—Prov. 15:1

13—FRIDAY

For Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Snuggs, evangelistic and educational work, Canton, China.
It is good for me to draw near to God.—Psa. 73:28

14—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. B. W. Orrick (on furlough), evangelistic work, Montevideo, Uruguay.
I have given you an example.—John 13:15

15—SUNDAY

Pray for the consecration and development of W.M.U. leaders on our foreign fields.
For the Kingdom is Jehovah's.—Psa. 22:28

16—MONDAY

For Misses Susan Anderson and Neale Young, educational and W.M.U. work, Abeokuta, Nigeria.
We are God's fellow workers.—I Cor. 3:9

†Attended W.M.U. Training School

Calendar of Prayer

March, 1936

BE thou sleep, gently lay
Every troubled thought away:
Put off worry and distress
As thou puttest off thy dress:
Drop the burden of thy care
In the quiet arms of prayer.—Henry Van Dyke

Topic: Woman's Contribution to the Kingdom

17—TUESDAY

Pray for annual sessions of W.M.U. of Georgia, Thomasville, and W.M.U. of Alabama, Bessemer, March 17-19, inclusive.
The Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in the whole world.
—Matt. 24:14

18—WEDNESDAY

For annual sessions of W.M.U. of Tennessee, Humboldt, March 18-20, inclusive.
Quicken me in Thy righteousness.
—Psa. 119:40

19—THURSDAY

For Dr. L. R. Scarborough and faculty of Southwestern Seminary and Training School, Fort Worth, Texas.
Trust ye in Jehovah forever.—Isa. 26:4

20—FRIDAY

For Mrs. S. L. Ginsburg, missionary emerita, from Brazil.
Jehovah is merciful and gracious.
—Psa. 103:8

21—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Davis, Mexican Publishing House, El Paso, Texas.
Verily there is a reward for the righteous.
—Psa. 58:11

22—SUNDAY

Pray that the Mrs. W. J. Cox Fund for W.M.U. Work on Foreign Fields may accomplish great things for God.
Yes, we also bear witness.—III John 12

23—MONDAY

Pray for Rev. and Mrs. J. Franklin Ray (on furlough), evangelistic work, Hiroshima, Japan.
Every good gift . . . is from above.
—Jam. 1:17

24—TUESDAY

Pray for annual sessions of W.M.U. of Virginia, Richmond, March 24-26, inclusive.
Ask of Me and I will give thee the nations for thine inheritance.—Psa. 11:1

25—WEDNESDAY

For Miss Kathleen Manley, medical work, Ogbomoso, Nigeria.
Only be strong and very courageous.
—Josh. 1:7

26—THURSDAY

For Misses Mary Kelly, Christopher, and Mildred Bolinger, E. St. Louis, workers among foreigners in Illinois.
Mine eyes shall be on the faithful.
—Psa. 101:6

27—FRIDAY

For Miss Pearl Todd, educational work, Chefoo, China.
The weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh.—II Cor. 10:4

28—SATURDAY

For Miss Ruth Randall, educational work, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
Cast thy burden upon Jehovah.
—Psa. 55:12

29—SUNDAY

Pray for the faithful observance of the Sabbath.
Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.—Ex. 20:8

30—MONDAY

For Miss Martha Franks, educational work, Hwang-Halen, China.
Thou art my help and my deliverer.
—Psa. 40:17

31—TUESDAY

For annual sessions of W.M.U. of Louisiana, Ruston, March 31-April 2, inclusive.
Blessed are they that sow beside all waters.—Isa. 32:20

†Attended W.M.U. Training School
xAttended Baptist Bible Institute

FAMILY ALTAR

Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

TOPIC: "The TEN VIRGINS"—Matt. 25:1-13

FROM the genealogy with which Matthew begins right through to the claim of absolute sovereignty with which it ends, this Gospel keeps in view the Messiahship of Jesus. He is the heir of all the Divine promises made to Israel, and those who believe in Him constitute the new Israel.—Wightman

"Watch"

1st Day—Matt. 25:1-13
2nd Day—Mark 13:31-37
3rd Day—Rev. 3:2, 3, 10, 11; 16:13
4th Day—II Tim. 4:16
5th Day—Col. 4:2, 17
6th Day—I Cor. 10:12; 16:13
7th Day—Acts 20:28

"Beware"

15th Day—Psa. 39:1-13
16th Day—Deut. 8:11-14, 17, 18
17th Day—Matt. 4:1-11
18th Day—Matt. 5:18, 19
19th Day—I Peter 5:8, 9
20th Day—II Peter 2:9; 3:17, 18
21st Day—Rom. 8:35-39

"Trial of Your Faith"

22nd Day—I Peter 1:7-11
23rd Day—Jam. 1:3, 12-14
24th Day—Matt. 10:22; 24:45-47
25th Day—Luke 16:10-12
26th Day—I Cor. 4:2
27th Day—Heb. 12:1-11
28th Day—Heb. 13:1, 2, 6-8
29th Day—Eph. 5:14-27, 32
30th Day—Eph. 6:10-18
31st Day—Rev. 2:10

"Take Heed"

8th Day—Deut. 4:9; 11:16
9th Day—Josh. 22:5; 23:11
10th Day—I Kings 2:3; 8:26
11th Day—Matt. 18:10; 24:4
12th Day—Psa. 119:9; 141:3
13th Day—Prov. 4:28, 26
14th Day—Mal. 4:1-6



"Pray Ye"

Thank God for Jesus Christ and that through Him "whosoever wills" may have life eternal.

Ask God's guidance in national, state and local governments, praying for those who make and administer the laws that righteousness may prevail.

Intercede for lost souls in the southland and for Christians who are seeking to win them to Christ.

Pray that the observance of the March Week of Prayer may greatly promote home missions, asking that each W.M.U. member and every society will give with unusual generosity toward the goal of \$105,000 for the Annie W. Armstrong Offering for Home Missions.

Intercede for the meetings in St. Louis in May of the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions and of Woman's Missionary Union, asking God's guidance for their presidents and program committees, for St. Louis pastors and committees in preparatory service.

Intercede for increased interest in Sunbeam Bands and in the use of missionary literature because of the "Sunbeam Fiftieth Anniversary" and the " Jubilee of Our Mission Literature". Pray for Shuck Centennial.

BIBLE STUDY

Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

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

TOPIC: "The TEN VIRGINS"—Matt. 25:1-13

(Reference Material: Bible Study, Oct. 1933; Poem—"Late, Late, So Late"—from Tennyson's "Idyls of the King"; Many Scripture References and Hymns on Christ's Coming)

"It may be at morn when the day is awaking,
When sunshine through darkness and shadow is breaking,
That Jesus will come in the fulness of glory
To receive from the world His own.

"O Lord Jesus, how long, how long
Ere we shout the glad song—
Christ returneth, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Amen?"

"Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing". "Be ye also ready". Such is the simple lesson of the parable of the virgins. Beautiful is the story: even more beautiful the application. The bridegroom escorted the bride from her father's house to his home. There was quite a procession and a definite order of procedure. Preparation had to be made or the bridegroom would not be properly received when he came for his bride. Attendants helped light the way by holding aloft little lamps which had to be filled frequently. Traveling conditions were too uncertain for the young man to set the hour of arrival. The way was long. The maids made ready for their part of the festive occasion; but only five were prepared to meet the emergency presented by delay. Weariness overtook the watchers. Yielding to drowsiness at last they actually fell asleep. Suddenly there was a cry: "Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him". They were awake, even alert. One by one they realized that the lamps were going out. Quickly five little bowls were filled from five containers brought by five wise young women. The other five virgins were distressed and asked for help. You know the answer made to their call. You know too that the foolish virgins were late for the marriage supper. The door was shut.

Christ will come for His bride, the church. He desires to receive His bride without spot or wrinkle or any such thing. His coming will be glorious for those who are prepared for His return. His followers must be sensible in their preparation. They must be strong against winds of false teaching. They must be busy, for there is much to do.

"In this little while, doth it matter,
As we work and we watch and we wait—
If we're filling the task He assigns us—
Be its service small or great?"

To some Jesus will have to say: "You have never really been Mine; you have only seemed to be such". To some He will say: "Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world". As we partake of the Lord's Supper we "show forth the Lord's death till He come". As we pray and evangelize we are preventing the tragedy which befell the foolish virgins.

It is interesting to find Matthew's name in four lists of the twelve disciples: Matt. 10:3, Mark 3:8, Luke 6:15, Acts 1:13. He is identified with Levi in Matt. 9:9, Mark 2:14, Luke 5:27. His name means manly, or true man, gift of God. His business was to examine goods passing on the highway between territories of two neighboring tetrarchs. His Gospel connects the Old Testament with the New Testament. Beginning with the genealogy of David, as kept in the archives of the Sanhedrin, he shows Jesus to be the Son of David. He holds up the Christ as the Messiah of Old Testament prophecy. His message was for Jews who by the time of his writing (about A.D. 70) were scattered all over the world.

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 "The New Why and How of W. M. U."

new interest undoubtedly will be created if the following suggestions are carefully considered as given by Mrs. Taul White, who is a southern W.M.U. representative. On page 39 of the W.M.U. Year Book there is data concerning the price etc. of this book by Miss Wilma Bucy.

Purpose of Study: That each member of the circle may be thoroughly familiar with the plans, purposes and methods of the W.M.U.; that the circle may be the training ground for leadership in the Woman's Missionary Society.

Method of Using "The New Why and How of W.M.U.": Purpose decides method. Therefore to secure the participation of each circle member, use the "Demonstration Method" which will require individual study. Have the circle see that they can best use the "Why and How" by demonstrating an Executive Board meeting of a "Model A-1 Missionary Society". (See *Executive Committee*, pages 56, 57 and 58 "Why and How".) Each session of study, therefore, is a continued meeting of the Executive Board or Committee. This decides your procedure.

Procedure: (a) Conduct the study around the Standard of Excellence. Hang the chart on the wall. As the reports are made by the officers responsible for reaching the points on the standard, place seals in proper places. The idea is that the circle members may see the standard grow, see how it is reached and by whom. The officers will clearly understand their duties. All will appreciate the value to a society of having clear plans made for a year ahead, thereby more surely securing the intelligent cooperation of all. (b) Whether the devotionals are led each time by the same person or by a different person each time, use the material on pages 9-10 "Why and How"; or, if desired, Scripture passages relating to the "chief aims" of the W.M.U. may be used.

The First Meeting: (a) Complete the organization of this "Model Missionary Society" that proposes to be A-1 for the year. The logical person for "president" is the circle chairman. The other officers needed are first, second and third vice presidents, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer. Appointed by the "president" are the mission study, personal service, literature, publicity and social chairmen. If each member of circle is an "officer in the model society" so much the better. After full explanation of plan by the president and with a copy of text in each officer's hand, the group should get a comprehensive view of the table of contents of the book. (b) The assignment for second meeting of the Executive Board will be the following reports (*duties and written plans for the year*) of the president, first, second and third vice presidents. The president ends the meeting with a brief talk on "The Value of the Standard" (pages 86, 87 of "Why and How"). Prayer for guidance and zeal for perfect service should be offered.

Second Meeting: Devotional period as suggested above. Or the worship period could be planned around the 1936 watchword and hymn. (See inside cover page and pages 13-15 of *Year Book*, also page 4 of this magazine.)

(a) The president outlines her duties (*Chapter III "Why and How"*); emphasizes pages 52, 53; presents in writing her plans based on her duties. On her table are copies of *Royal Service*, *The Window*, *World Comrades*, *Home and Foreign Fields*, W.M.U. Year Book, W.M.U. annual meeting minutes, S.E.C. minutes. The president explains her responsibility for point 1 on the standard, places 2 seals in proper place, indicating 2 meetings held, refers to special articles in W.M.U. Year Book: pages 13-15, 76, 82-86, 19-30.

(b) The first vice president follows with report, introducing a new member or a real demon-

station of her duties. She reads and hands in a written report of her year's plans. Explains her responsibility for points 2 and 9 on standard (pages 58, 59, "Why and How"; pages 20 and 35 Year Book).

(c) The second vice president's report is given in like manner: duties explained and written plans for the year. (Pages 53, 54, 59 "Why and How"; Year Book 68.) She stresses the necessity of missionary materials for program planning. She explains her responsibility for point 1 on the standard. With the help of the outlined monthly topics in the Year Book (pages 10, 11, 12) she could present a "sample" Society Year Book or show the plan for one on page 118 "Why and How".

(d) Third vice president gives duties and written plans for the year. (Chapter IV "Why and How", pages 54, 61; chapter III "Why and How".) Special articles in Year Book, pages 18, 23, 58, 60, 56-59, 61, 66, 33, 75, 89). Presents to group the materials needed for the young people's leaders and organizations. Her plans include the training of leaders through the Correspondence Course. She will explain her responsibility for points 4 and 10 on the standard. Close with watchword, sentence prayers as suggested by president and hymn for year.

Third Meeting: Devotional: Proceed as for former meetings. The following officers will each explain duties and read and present their written plans for the year: secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, publicity and literature.

References: "Why and How" (Chapter III, part III and part IV; pages "Why and How" 116, 115, 116; Year Book, pages 89-90). Each will indicate her responsibility for Standard of Excellence. (See page 88 "Why and How".)

Fourth Meeting: Devotional: The officers reporting duties with written plans for the year are: personal service and stewardship.

References: Personal Service: Chapter III "Why and How", pages 63-65, 116; Year Book, pages 21, 47, 92; Personal Service Guide. Give plans for reaching point 8 on the standard. Stewardship references: Chapter III "Why and How", pages 62, 63, 88, 114; Year Book, pages 22, 48-54. Indicate what is necessary to reach point 4 on the standard.

Fifth Meeting: Following the devotional period, the president calls for the following: the report of duties and written plans of mission study chairman for the year. References: "Why and How", pages 65, 66, 115; Year Book, pages 20, 38-46. A large sheet of paper or poster material on which have been pasted all W.M.U. and young people's mission study courses should be presented to group. Tell plans for meeting point 7 of standard.

With methods to be taught, courses on prayer, stewardship, foreign and home fields to be studied, certificate courses to be promoted, will these not be more than the minimum standard of two classes for the year?

Sixth Meeting: Devotional, The Parable of the Talents—Matt. 25:14-30. Some one should give "High Lights in the History of Woman's Missionary Progress", Chapter I of "Why and How"; two women should tell of the Margaret Fund and the W.M.U. Training School, "Why and How"; pages 24, 25; Year Book: 24, 62 and 24, 25, 51, 63.

Have some one prepared to make suggestions as to the best ways of sharing with others the knowledge gained of W.M.U. methods from this demonstration study. Discussion by group. Determine to use the "talents of knowledge" for others needing it.

The report of the social chairman (duties, page 67 "Why and How") will end the study with a social period of refreshments and good fellowship, deeming it that "actions speak louder than words".

Suggestion: As the standard is studied, if there could be a poster made to illustrate and vivify each point, it would greatly enhance the study.

Sincerest gratitude is herewith expressed to Miss Beulah Huber of Carmi, Illinois, for the "arresting" illustration shown on page 3 of this magazine. Miss Huber also made possible the one used on page 36. In heartily thanking Miss Huber, appreciation is also extended to all who use these illustrations and any other worthwhile ones to secure and send in prompt renewals and enlarged subscriptions to ROYAL SERVICE.

ADDRESSES SOUGHT

Addresses were not sent with orders from the following women. Help in securing their addresses will be sincerely appreciated by W.M.U. Headquarters, 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala. The addresses are needed as follows:

Mrs. G. W. Ridgeway
Miss Naama Watson



PROGRAM PLANS



Mrs. T. M. Pittman, North Carolina

With the PROGRAM COMMITTEE



"Woman's Contribution to the Kingdom" is the subject upon which the Program Committee is to build for the March meeting. It is a subject that belongs personally to every member of the Woman's Missionary Society. It is a subject that touches vitally every church today and goes back to the organization of nearly every church in our southland. Few churches have been established without the consecrated interest of one or more women expressed in active form. We may almost say that no churches of our land are maintained without the steadfast devotion of women.

The program's opening talk may give briefly the material on pages 22-23, "Jesus and Women". This may be followed by having the same speaker continue her talk into "Women and the Kingdom", page 23. If it is in any way possible the three living pictures with music should be given. Where there is a convenient doorway, it may be used as a frame for the pictures. Where this is not suitably placed, two tall screens may be set and the pictures appear between them. Large plants on stands about three feet apart will make an attractive substitute. Even two high-back chairs would answer. The idea is to keep the ones who pose in these pictures from looking lonesome and to put them in some kind of setting. The pictures should be simply planned but given impressively. A prayer should follow for all women in the home, in the teaching profession and in other business and for all women missionaries.

A talk may be given next, telling in outline of Women's Missionary Uplens on S.B.C. foreign fields (pages 25-27). A missionary map of the world is always helpful in giving such a talk, because the pointer that holds the eyes helps to hold the ears also. The map is not necessary, however, for the speaker must make this talk very brief in order to leave time on the program for the next five speakers.

The program material (pages 27-30) gives the stories of five of our native Christian women leaders. They are types of the women we find in our own land.

1—The Mother of the Missionary Society: Mrs. Phoebe Adebisi of Nigeria, Africa. Her story repeats the story of many women in our own Southern Baptist Convention who mother the societies in their own churches and then go out to organize other societies. If you have such a woman in your church, ask her to make the talk about the African worker.

2—Then ask your pastor's wife to tell the story of Mrs. Sophia J. de Mongay: The Pastor with a Truck. Your pastor's wife does not go out in a truck to teach, but she is doubtless a worker in your society and association.

3—The next sketch on the program is of Mrs. Ling who is called the Miss Mallory of China. While our individual societies have no traveling secretaries, they do have secretaries: let yours tell the story of Mrs. Ling.

4—The president of your society, by right of office, may give the story of Mrs. Junko Hara: The Mrs. Armstrong of Japan. In this way all women who are presidents will be represented.

5—For a suitable one to tell of Mrs. Kesako Hikasa you may choose a trained nurse, a leader of young people's work or your personal service chairman. Any one of these would represent this versatile Japanese Christian worker.

Special prayer for these five workers should be offered. A closing talk may be given to bring the program thought home to the women. Ask this question: "If you were requested to tell of an outstanding woman in this church who has helped to build up the church life or to establish the society or to advance any special line of church work, whom would you name?" It is hoped that not merely one name but many will come to the minds of the listeners. Possibly a Sunday school teacher, a former pastor's wife or a new-comer who has brought fresh zest to the society will be among those thought of. Now let the leader suggest that each woman send a note or card, where possible, to the one whose name came to mind. A visit to that one would be even better. A last thought should linger in the hearts of all: "What do I mean to the church, the society and to the whole Kingdom of Christ?"

PROGRAM for MARCH

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. Crenshaw, Tennessee

THEME for YEAR: Thy Kingdom Come

TOPIC for MONTH: WOMAN'S CONTRIBUTION to the KINGDOM

Hymn for the Year—Lead On, O King Eternal

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

Bible Study—The Ten Virgins—Matt. 25:1-13 (See page 18.)

Prayer that we may be as wise virgins watching for the coming of the Bridegroom

Hymn—Rescue the Perishing

—Jesus and Women

Women and the Kingdom

—Hymn—Come Women, Wide Proclaim

Women at Work around the World

Prayer for the W.M.U. Work of All Nations

Notable Women in Kingdom Work

Mrs. Phoebe Adebigi

Mrs. Sophia J. de Mongay

Mrs. Ling

Mrs. Junko Hara

Mrs. Kesako Hikasa

Hymn—O Zion Haste

Prayer that we may be faithful in making our contribution to Christ's Kingdom

JESUS and WOMEN



Women were frequently and beautifully associated with the life of Jesus. From the first to the last, women were His best friends. They welcomed His coming; they guarded His cradle; they waited on His youth; and when He became a man they followed Him, listening to His teaching and ministering to His needs. It is not recorded that any woman ever opposed His work or did anything against Him. So far as the records are concerned, no woman ever asked Him captious questions or found fault with Him; no woman ever denied

Him; no woman ever betrayed Him; no woman sat in the Sanhedrin that committed Him to death; no woman mocked Him or reviled Him or crowned Him with thorns. But doubtless a woman's hand wove the seamless robe He wore; and it is recorded that a woman's devotion bathed His feet with tears and even in the hour of His trial the voice of a woman, Pilate's wife, was raised in His behalf. Women wept for Him as, carrying the cross, He went forth to die; they watched by that cross until the end. They bought and brought sweet spices to anoint His body. They were the first at His open grave—the first to see the risen Lord and hear Him speak. "It was not the disciples but the women who seemed to understand Jesus best. It was not the disciples but the women who loved Jesus most".

Many of the most beautiful incidents

in Jesus' life were connected with women. His first recorded words were to His mother when He was twelve years old. His first miracle was in response to a suggestion from His mother. The grief of women led to the raising of Lazarus and of the son of the widow of Nain. It was women who brought children to Jesus to be blessed. It was a woman's faith that said, "If I but touch the border of His garment I shall be healed". It was a widow, dropping two mites into the treasury, whom Jesus used as an example of generous giving. It was of a woman who had broken an alabaster box of precious ointment on His feet that Jesus said, "She hath done what she could". It was to a woman, a sinful woman at Jacob's well, that Jesus spoke those great words: "God is a spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth". It was to Martha, weeping for her departed brother, Lazarus, that Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life". It was a woman, Mary Magdalene, who was first commissioned with the tidings of the risen Christ.

But as we think of Jesus and women the most important consideration is what Jesus has done for them. "The influence of the Christian religion upon women is a sufficient answer to every argument against it, and a complete confirmation of its character". To understand what Jesus did for women we must realize the condition of women before He came. We must realize that they were despised and neglected with no position in society, no rights of their own but were made to occupy just that place which the superior force and lusts of men assigned them. Even among the cultured Greeks and Romans women were little more than slaves. Aristotle said: "Both a woman and a slave may be good; though, perhaps, of these one is less good, and the other is wholly bad". History records the fact that one Roman senator was expelled from the senate because he kissed his wife in the day time in the presence of his daughter.

Seneca said: "Woman is an impudent animal and, unless she is advanced in philosophical knowledge, she is cruel and incontinent". Even among the Jews of Christ's time women held a degraded position. We remember how at Jacob's well the disciples marveled that He talked with a woman. But to Jesus women were in no way inferior to men, and His coming has given to womanhood its right position in the world. As he cast out seven demons from Mary Magdalene, He has cast out seven and more demons from the lives of other women, making them not slaves but queens, not mere servants but honored mistresses of households, not the despised chattels of beastly men but the beloved wives of Christian gentlemen. He has set them free indeed—free to learn and teach, to travel and think, to work and achieve, to love and live a rich and abundant life.

Once a heathen mother brought a little girl to a missionary saying: "Take her and care for her. Your God is the only god that loves little children". It can be truly said that our God is the only god that loves women. Jesus loves women and little children and therefore the religion He established is different from all others. Jesus and women! When they come together lives are changed, homes are changed, the world is changed. (Some suggestions and quotations for the above were obtained from an article in "The Expositor" written by Rev. O. T. Fletcher.)

WOMEN and the KINGDOM

FROM the very beginning women have had an active part in the work of the Kingdom. When Mary Magdalene received the first missionary message of the risen Lord, "Go tell", she went at once and told the disciples. Thus she became the first of a great multitude of women who have rendered willing and prompt obedience to the missionary commands of Christ. Let us notice some of the spheres in which women have rendered valuable Kingdom service.

(It will add attractiveness to the pro-

gram if living pictures and music are used as the following parts are given. The first picture would be a woman at home, wearing house dress, sitting in rocking chair, surrounded by her children. Music, "Home Sweet Home", played softly on the piano)

In the Home.—In no sphere is woman's work more valuable than in the home. New Testament women used their homes for the advancement of the Kingdom. The home of Mary, the mother of Mark, was headquarters for the first Christian church. The home of Dorcas became the center of personal service activities in the city of Joppa. The home of Lydia was the base for Paul's activities around Philippi. Thus did the women of the first century use their homes for Kingdom extension, and since their day the home of many a woman has become the center of a work reaching out to win a neighborhood or a nation to Christ. Practically all churches on mission fields begin with a group coming together in some home. The modern missionary movement began with a group of Baptist preachers, William Carey in the midst, meeting in the home of a widow, Mrs. Wallis. Surely that Christian woman rendered great service to the Kingdom when she opened her home to preacher guests that memorable day. Wonderful is the thought that women can use the hospitality of their homes—mere food and shelter and the warmth of firesides—for God. But perhaps the greatest Kingdom service which can be rendered in the home is the rearing of children. Many a missionary, many a preacher, many noble Christian characters have been made in a Christian home by the influence of a Christian mother. Notable is the story of Samuel Mills' mother. Before any missionaries had ever gone from America to a foreign land she prayed for two years that God would give her a son who would be a foreign missionary. When he was born she dedicated him to the missionary cause and, as he grew up, did every-

thing she could to prepare him for the work for which she felt he was intended. Though he never did actually go to a foreign land, he was one of the famous hay stack prayer meeting group and did much to promote the beginning of the foreign mission enterprise. It is doubtful if there has ever been a missionary or a missionary movement where there has not been at least one home with a missionary mother somewhere in the background.

As Teachers.—(Picture: Teacher, standing with open book before a group of children. Music, "School Days", played softly)—As teachers women have been great Kingdom builders. Some one has said, "A teacher rings the rising bell in the dormitory of the soul". Certainly teachers have done much to arouse the souls of their pupils to the need of missionary service. And it is women who have done and are doing most of the teaching of children and young people. Not only do they predominate on the faculties of public schools and colleges, but they also far outnumber the men as teachers in the Sunday schools. No one can estimate the influence of the army of Christian teachers who have helped to formulate the ideals of young people through all generations. We remember that one of the factors which led Henrietta Hall Shuck into missionary service was the influence of Christian teachers. As missionaries tell stories of their call practically all of them mention the influence of some teacher, either in Sunday school or Christian college. The writer of these programs remembers with gratitude that a Sunday school teacher taught her to tithe. Doubtless every one who uses this program will remember some Christian teacher who has influenced them in Kingdom service. Many of our most useful women missionaries on home and foreign mission fields are teachers—through their school work they are leading many into the Kingdom and preparing them for Kingdom work. When the roll of women, who have made great

contributions to the Kingdom is called, doubtless there will be some teachers near the head of the list.

In Missionary Service.—(Picture: Woman standing with lighted candle in hand, with a woman in Indian costume on one side and one in Japanese or other foreign costume on the other side. Music, "Send the Light")—And certainly women have done their part in active missionary service. Along with Adoniram Judson went Ann. Along with J. Lewis Shuck went Henrietta. Along with W. J. David went Nannie Bland. Women have always been just as willing, just as eager to carry the Gospel to heathen lands as the men. Of the 1030 missionaries sent out by southern Baptists within a century 624 have been women. Of our foreign missionaries today 258 are women, and they are proportionally numerous in our home mission group. Women have proven themselves just as quick to learn difficult foreign languages, just as easily adapted to strange modes of living, just as brave to face hardships, just as consecrated to the missionary cause, as are the men. Moreover, the women have done a noble part in the support of the missionary cause. In every denomination there is a woman's organization doing its part of all denominational work. Ever since 1888 our W.M.U. has combined the woman force of southern Baptists for Kingdom service. During these forty-eight years uncounted thousands of southern Baptist women, with continued zeal and enthusiasm and with unsurpassed consecration, have studied, worked, given and prayed that the Kingdom might be extended to the ends of the earth. One, writing of W.M.U. work, says: "If it were possible to take out of the record of southern Baptists what our women have done with their enthusiasm, their encouragement and their gifts, it would change a hallelujah about into a whispering misereere". At present about 300,000 women enrolled in Women's Missionary Societies of the southland are

making their contribution to the Kingdom.

WOMEN at WORK around the WORLD

OUR great Woman's Missionary Union goes beyond the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention and stretches its line of organization around the world. Our missionaries in foreign lands, as soon as possible, organize the native Christian women for missionary service. They follow the plan of organization used in the southland, of course adapting it to meet the needs and capabilities of the women among whom they work. For some years a part of our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has been designated for W.M.U. work on foreign fields. We have named this the "Mrs. W. J. Cox Fund" in honor of our former president and present treasurer. Surely the name itself makes this fund especially precious to southern Baptist women, for not only do we remember with gratitude the valuable service Mrs. Cox has rendered and is still rendering our Union, but we also feel that—as much as any one woman could—she represents, in her personality and in her consecrated life, those ideals of Christian womanhood for which our Union stands, and which we would share with women around the world. Suppose we call the roll of our missionary countries for a report of W.M.U. work.

China.—We begin with our oldest mission, China. Miss Mary Alexander reminds us that it was twenty years after the first American woman went to China that the first Chinese woman was baptized into one of our Baptist churches in China. It was a little more than twenty years later that anything like a W.M.S. was organized. It was a little less than twenty years after that the first Young People's Society was organized. Then about twenty years later still the first associational or state W.M.U. was organized. In the last twenty years the work has grown until now there are 200 Women's Missionary Societies scattered all over

China, doing a splendid work in mission study, personal service, days of prayer, tithers' bands, Good Will Centers etc. The \$3,000 of the "Mrs. W. J. Cox Fund" apportioned to China has been divided into two funds: general office and literature fund—used in the headquarters office at Shanghai—and another fund divided equally among the North, Central, Interior and South China Unions. In central China the fund is used for office expenses, literature, Training School, Short Term Bible School; in north China it is used for scholarships for women training to become Bible women; in interior China, training for Bible women in Bible School; in south China, for scholarships, Bible Schools, W.M.U. secretary's salary and for young people's work.

Africa—The W.M.U. of Africa was organized in 1920, so is just sixteen years old. Miss Neale Young is the missionary in charge of this work. She visits around among the churches, holding schools, in which she not only helps in organizing and conducting the missionary work but also teaches classes in nursing, how to care for children and how to sing. Six native field workers assist Miss Young, two supported by the Nigerian W.M.U. and four by the "Mrs. W. J. Cox Fund". This fund also helps with the publication of literature. They have a year book in which is a program for every week in the year. Miss Kersey says that always when Miss Young goes to conventions she takes a small trunk in which to bring back the mission money she collects. Often it amounts to as much as \$500 and once she brought home \$700. Evangelism is a part of the W.M.U. program, the members going in groups to tell the Gospel story in their own towns and in the surrounding country.

Japan—The national organization of the W.M.U. in Japan is seventeen years old. Not until it was fifteen years old did it become auxiliary to the Japan Baptist Convention. At the beginning the pastors opposed the or-

ganization, but they have been gradually won, largely through the influence of the pastors' wives, who not only talked W.M.U. work in their homes but were wise enough to carry their preacher husbands with them to their conventions. So now there is full cooperation between the W.M.U. and the general convention. The "Mrs. W. J. Cox Fund" is used here, also, for field work and literature. Their great need is a full-time secretary.

Brazil—Most of the states in Brazil have a state W.M.U. organization. These do state mission work, home mission work among the Indians and immigrants and foreign mission work in Portugal. The "Mrs. W. J. Cox Fund" provides the W.M.U. literature which our missionaries say is the best literature of any woman's organization in Brazil. It also pays the salary of field workers. The Brazilian women are willing to make any sacrifice to attend the W.M.U. meetings. Several came 150 miles on horseback to attend a recent state meeting but made no complaint of the discomforts of the trip. One woman walked forty-five miles to the meeting. At this same meeting a woman approached a missionary saying, "I wanted to see you to learn how to work for Jesus". These loyal W.M.U. women do not mind traveling long distances on horseback or on foot if at the end they may learn how to work for Jesus. And the "Mrs. W. J. Cox Fund" is making it possible for them to learn.

Argentina—Mrs. F. J. Fowler developed the woman's work in Argentina. She is on furlough now, so Mrs. J. C. Quarles has this in charge. There is in Argentina a W.M.S. in each Baptist church. They usually meet in the homes and their meetings are largely prayer meetings. They love to talk of their new found faith and delight in Bible study. They are great personal workers. Soul winning is a passion with them. The "Mrs. W. J. Cox Fund" is used for field work, literature and general promotion of the work.

Uruguay—A missionary, writing

of Uruguay, says that the woman's work seems to be the most active part of the Baptist work there. They have organized a federation of Baptist women which has for its supreme object the spreading of the Gospel in Uruguay. This federation makes possible the use of an evangelistic tent and also keeps a young man evangelist employed in an important interior center. The women's earnestness in the work is shown by the fact that they will walk many miles to attend meetings, sometimes carrying babies in their arms.

Chile—The W.M.U. work of Chile was organized in 1923 with five societies and twenty-five members. Now it has twenty-five societies and five thousand members. In one society there was only one woman who could read and write. She organized the society into a reading class and taught the others to read so that they could take part on the program. In Chile the "Mrs. W. J. Cox Fund" is used largely for literature.

Mexico—In Mexico there are fifty W.M.S.'s and five Y.W.A.'s. They are organized into a national convention. They help support six missionaries among the Indians in Mexico. They do much personal work, going from house to house, reading the Bible, praying with the people and trying to win them to Christ. Part of the "Mrs. W. J. Cox Fund" is used to send capable women from the stronger societies out to help the weaker ones, organizing them and teaching them about the work. And part of it is used for publication work. A monthly bulletin is the regular publication and last year the fund made possible two mission study books.

Europe—There is not much W.M.U. work in Europe. Most of the churches in Italy have societies, but there is no organization bringing them together. The societies of the four churches in Rome meet each Monday for work for their orphans and the poor of their churches. Missionary heroes and mission fields are studied and much enthusiasm and interest have been cre-

ated by these weekly meetings. In Rumania there is a bit of work here and there, but again no central organization. The need in all European countries is trained leaders. On one occasion when Miss Hester and Mrs. Hurley tried to organize a society fifty-two women were present and only two of them could read. The hope of the woman's work in Rumania is the James Memorial Training School. Already three full sessions of this school have been held and three groups of girls, trained and prepared, have gone out to the villages to work among the women. Mrs. Gill says that the only hope for woman's work in Italy and Spain, as well as in other European lands, is to establish other schools similar to the James Memorial to train young Baptist girls to become leaders among their people.

Jerusalem—There is no definite W.M.U. work in Jerusalem. Miss Clor says that they have women's meetings but that these are made up partly of non-Christian women, so it could not be called a Woman's Missionary Society. Let us hope that in Jerusalem, where long ago women ministered to the Master and where doubtless the first woman missionary went to tell the disciples of the risen Lord, a real missionary society will soon be possible. (The information for these articles was obtained from the missionaries' talks at the W.M.U. hour of Foreign Missions Week at Ridgecrest last summer.)

NOTABLE WOMEN in KINGDOM WORK

IN EVERY foreign field there are native women who are leading in Kingdom work. The stories of a few of these will serve as illustrations of the ability, earnestness and consecration of these women.

Mrs. Phoebe Adebigi

The Mother of the Society

Mrs. Phoebe Adebigi is a most valuable leader in our woman's work of Ogbomoso, Nigeria. In her childhood she came under the influence of one of our early missionaries and learned rap-

idly and well whatever work or study she was set to do. Now she is called the "Iya Egbe" which means "The Mother of the Society". She is a real leader among the women.

Mrs. Adebisi speaks very good English and is a fluent speaker in the Yoruba language. She is Miss Neale Young's right-hand helper. She often takes a group of women and goes to near-by towns and even sometimes to places several days' journey away and visits among the women of the weaker churches, helping them in every way she can, not only in their Christian life but also in ways of health and sanitation. She believes in the Gospel of cleanliness, and there is a very great opportunity for that Gospel among the native mothers of Nigeria, as well as the great opportunity of telling the people the Gospel news of salvation. Among Mrs. Adebisi's many gifts is the ability to compose verses in the Yoruba language and set them to native tunes, expressing ideas, truths and sentiments suitable for special occasions, such as welcoming the new missionaries or bidding those farewell who are leaving the country for their furloughs; and also appropriate remembrances for those missionaries or native Christians who have passed to their Heavenly reward. We trust she may be spared many more years to serve her Savior in her native land. (This article was furnished by Mrs. George Green.)

Mrs. Sopia J. de Mongay
The Pastora with a Truck

In Argentina the pastor's wife is called the "Pastora" which really means that she is the "Lady Pastor". In the town of Lincoln there is a pastora who really deserves the title. She is Mrs. Sopia J. de Mongay. She not only does splendid work in her own church, assisting her husband in all of his work, but also makes evangelistic trips throughout the surrounding country. For four years she asked the Lord to give her a truck for that work. One day a Baptist brother sent her word that he had a Ford truck that he would

let her have very cheap. But even so she had not the money to buy it, so there was nothing to do but keep on praying.

About that time she made one of her country trips and as she passed many, many houses where there was no light of the Gospel she said to the young woman with her: "Each time I see more the necessity of being able to have some vehicle in which to ride to carry the Word of God to so many souls living without God and without hope". That afternoon and night she held services in the village and, though the rain poured, people came in crowds, many of whom had never heard of Jesus before. She went home and told this experience to her church, and the man who owned the truck was so impressed that he said: "Senora, I am going to give you something that will help you in your work. Send to the garage and get the truck. Now you can get around better". So her prayers were answered and she became the "Pastora with a Truck". She supports the truck by carrying with her on her trips handwork, preserves, chickens and eggs which she sells to the people. In one village a man, who has been reached by her message, invites her to bring her truck to his garage for all necessary repairs free of charge.

So the little truck goes rolling around to the villages and country districts of Argentina, carrying the message of salvation to lost people. The pastora carries with her a group of young people of the church and often makes a trip of several days. Sometimes the heat from the ground makes the tires burst. Then the pastora becomes a mechanic, patches the tube, replaces the tire, pumps it up and soon she and her party are once more rolling along, singing with joy as they go to tell about Jesus. The people in some of the villages have learned to look for them and will cry as they run out to meet them: "It's a nice little evangelistic truck". So Mrs. Mongay and her group go from village to village scattering tracts and holding

services in homes where they can be arranged. Then they return home after a few days of such work, singing the praises of God for the privilege of serving Him. Numbers of people have been converted as a result of these trips.

We wish there were many such pastors in Argentina. Yes—and we could use a few even in America. (Material for this story was furnished by Mrs. L. C. Quarles.)

Mrs. Ling
The Miss Mallory of China

There is a woman in China of special interest to us because she holds the same position in the China W.M.U. that Miss Mallory holds in ours. She is Mrs. Ling, the first paid secretary of the Chinese W.M.U. Before marriage she was a Miss Wu, a member of a large family whose father was once pastor of North Gate Baptist Church, Shanghai. Two others of the Wu sisters have been prominent in the Baptist work of China. One of these married a prominent member of the North Gate Church and died about two years ago. Another is the Miss Wu who graduated from our Training School several years ago, and is a special friend of Miss Elizabeth Hale, who is now in China. This Miss Wu went back to China, intending to teach in a day school at North Gate Church, but instead married her sister's widower, who is perhaps the greatest strength of that church. And the third Wu sister is the Mrs. Ling of our story. She is a widow with one young daughter. When, a few years ago, it was thought wise to have a Chinese woman associated with Miss Lila Watson—our missionary secretary of W.M.U. work—Mrs. Ling was chosen for this position. Surely the choice was a wise one, for Mrs. Ling is described as a woman of great tact and spiritual depth, with a charming smile and a sweetness of personality that is genuine and never fails to win. One missionary says, "I think the greatest asset of the W.M.U. of China is the character of Mrs. Ling".

Mrs. Ling is really at the head of the

China W.M.U. with Miss Watson as her advisory secretary. How beautiful that these two of different nations can work together with perfect harmony in the name of Him who has done so much for all women! The two secretaries have their headquarters at Shanghai. They are very proud of their W.M.U. rooms in the new Baptist Publication Society Building. Here they plan their work much as do our leaders in Birmingham, editing the W.M.U. magazine, preparing Week of Prayer programs, writing mission study books, corresponding with societies etc. Mrs. Ling has attempted very little original planning but follows closely the plans of our own Union as given by Miss Watson.

Mrs. Ling and Miss Watson travel all over China, organizing and stimulating the women and young people, which is a very difficult work in a land where 85 per cent of the people cannot read or write. To find one leader to read the programs is often difficult, so the W.M.U. in China stresses Bible study, which often has to be a class in learning to read the Bible. Every summer in Shanghai the W.M.U. holds a summer conference for all the central China district. This is a great opportunity for training leaders.

Last year, when Dr. and Mrs. Maddy traveled in China, at a W.M.U. meeting in Shanghai, Mrs. Ling pinned on Mrs. Maddy a W.M.U. pin, bearing our motto in Chinese characters. This was a beautiful suggestion of the women of two lands meeting and finding perfect harmony and cooperation in W.M.U. work.

In China the chief monuments are not to men but women. They are stone arches, erected in memory of widows who have been faithful to the memory of their husbands and have never remarried. Mrs. Ling remains alone and lives a life of faithful service. May the W.M.U. be the arch of honor through which the women and young people of China may march in grateful appreciation of their leader, Mrs. Ling, a truly consecrated Chinese woman! (Material

for this story was furnished by Mrs. J. Hundley Wiley.)

Mrs. Junko Hara

The Mrs. Armstrong of Japan

About the same time that Mrs. Armstrong became president of our southern Union, Mrs. Junko Hara became president of the W.M.U. of Japan. Mrs. Hara has a missionary heritage, being the daughter of a Baptist preacher who served under the Northern Baptist Convention as missionary to Loo Choo Islands. She was educated in the Northern Baptist School for Girls. She is the wife of Mr. Matsuta Hara, who since 1922 has been connected with our Girls' School at Kokura, first as dean and now as principal.

Mrs. Hara is of such a retiring nature that her fine qualities are often unsuspected, but Miss Naomi Schell describes her as a woman of unusual endowments mentally. She is equipped to a high degree, including a remarkable command of the English language. Socially, she is charming, well poised, tactful, gracious and a staunch and valuable friend, when once her friendship is won. She has a rare fund of consecrated common sense and, best of all, people who come in contact with her take note that she has been with Jesus.

Mrs. Hara's places of service are numerous. She was president of her local missionary society and is a leading spirit even when not in office. She is teacher and counselor in the Girls' School, on board of managers of Good Will Center at Tobata, member of the Executive Council of the Japan Baptist Convention and for several years was president of the W.M.U. of Japan. Last, but by no means least, she is language teacher and counselor for every S.B.C. missionary woman who goes to Kokura, where Mrs. Hara lives. The W.M.U. under Mrs. Hara's leadership made great advances: the reports at the last convention were the best that have ever been made. We can rejoice because the women of Japan have had a woman like Mrs. Hara to lead them in Kingdom work.

Mrs. Kesako Hikasa

A Radiant Example of Christ's Power

Miss Naomi Schell tells the story of another Japanese woman, Mrs. Kesako Hikasa, utterly different in type and preparation from Mrs. Hara but also superbly fine and useful in Kingdom building. Mrs. Hikasa did not have the advantage of refined Christian parentage, as did Mrs. Hara. Instead she was the thirteenth child in an unprivileged family and grew up in a superstitious country village. She went to school only to the eighth grade and then went to live with her married sister in Yawata. This city is called the "Birmingham of the East" because it is the location of the Imperial Steel and Iron Works. The heroine of our story was so poor that she worked in this plant as water carrier and ditch digger. But she had an unconquerable spirit and an ambition that knew no defeat. When old enough she entered the company's hospital to train as a nurse. She made good, graduated with high standing, obtained state license for obstetrical nursing, was retained in the hospital and became next in line to the superintendent for advancement.

A senior nurse invited her to a southern Baptist church. She heard the story of Jesus, believed and was baptized in December 1922. In March 1924 she resigned from the hospital and from the "Nurses' Association" and volunteered for life service in the Kingdom of Christ. The W.M.S. of Yawata and the church at Kokura sent her to the Baptist Training School at Osaka, maintained by the Northern Baptist Woman's Board. Here again she made a remarkable record. Since her graduation she has served as corresponding secretary of the young people's work of the Japan W.M.U., as corresponding secretary of its W.M.U., as pastor's wife and co-founder of the Tobata Baptist Church. She also assisted in starting the Good Will Center at Tobata and is directing the work while Miss Schell is on furlough in America. She is the mother of two fine children.

Surely she is a radiant example of what empty vessel of earth surrendered to Christ can and will do with an utterly His will for His service.

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Mention some things women did for Jesus while He was on earth.
2. Discuss what Jesus has done for women.
3. How have women been Kingdom builders in the home?
4. Discuss the influence of women as teachers.
5. What per cent of southern Baptist missionaries have been women?
6. Discuss the missionary work of women on mission fields.
7. Discuss the place of women in the support of missions.
8. What is the Mrs. W. J. Cox Fund?
9. Tell something of W.M.U. work in foreign lands.
10. Mention some notable women Baptist leaders in foreign lands and tell something of their work.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

World Comrades	—The Window of Y.W.A.
Home and Foreign Fields	—State Denominational Papers
Foreign Mission Board Report for 1935	
Stewardship in the Life of Women	Helen Kingsbury Wallace
Pioneer Women	Una Roberts Lawrence
Handmaidens of the King to Foreign Lands	W. Thorburn Clark

Greatly will the cause of home missions be helped if every one who handles any gifts to the March offering is prompt in forwarding all such, carefully designated for "Annie W. Armstrong Offering for Home Missions".

MONTH'S PROGRAM for BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES

THE editor of the Business Women's Circles Department of this magazine, Miss Inabelle Coleman of Virginia, is now on a missionary tour of China and Japan. Beginning with the April issue, the B.W.C. monthly outline program will be prepared by Miss Pearle Bourne during Miss Coleman's absence. Each month the department will look forward to a "Travel Talk" by its absent editor, who is adding to the gratifying experiences of her trip the satisfaction of being able to finance it by her writings of many kinds. B.W.C. members are asked to remember Miss Coleman in their meetings and in their private devotions.


TOPIC for MONTH: WOMAN'S CONTRIBUTION to the KINGDOM

Hymn—"Come Women, Wide Proclaim" (Page 1 of Year Book)
Prayer by Program Chairman
Bible Study—The Ten Virgins—Matt. 25:1-13 (Page 18)
Talk—Women and the Kingdom (Page 23)
Talks—Notable Women in Kingdom Work (Have five members each to give one of the character sketches on pages 27-30.)
Hymn—"To the Work"
Prayer that B.W.C. members may be faithful co-laborers in the Kingdom

COLLEGE Y. W. A.

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

OUR LAND for CHRIST



Many young women in our colleges and in our hospitals are intelligently concerned about our national life. On campus and in classroom there is much discussion of current affairs, of problematic events in our own country, of calamities in international matters. The Week of Prayer for Home Missions brings timely application of this questioning and talk to the necessity for Christianizing America. The theme for our programs is a suitable one; therefore, the study book prepared by Mrs. Aulick is excellent in its approach to the matter. "Who Is My Neighbor?" gathers much information and presents it compactly and attractively. It deals with the comprehensive nature of our Christian message in a way that will challenge Y.W.A.'s—who are interested in movements for peace, in the economic struggle, in the question of "After Prohibition—what?" By all means arrange at once for a study course. The copy sent to your Y.W.A. with the program is merely a sample. Do not try to squeeze along with just this one copy; purchase others at 25c each from State Baptist Bookstore or from W.M.U. Literature Dept., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.; exchange copies with W.M.S. members; have the tools with which to sharpen home mission interest now. The book contains questions, discussion subjects and suggestions for presentation of each chapter: a real bargain indeed.

After the study of "Who Is My Neighbor?" is completed, enter into the Week of Prayer, having a meditative prayer service. This should not be simply "another program": it is a prayer meeting. Better a brief time spent in real prayer than a long period of program presentation with praying omitted. The morning watch and noon day prayer service of colleges and hospitals may well center in petitions for home missions during this week, March 2-6.


Suggestions in regard to the offering are given on the leaflet distributed with the week's program through your state W.M.U. headquarters. "Who Is My Neighbor?" includes a few pages regarding the life service of Miss Annie W. Armstrong in tribute to whom the offering is named. Do not overlook this information but use it to kindle a feeling of individual responsibility in the heart of each Y.W.A. Set a worthy goal for the offering from your Y.W.A. Some Y.W.A.'s will find \$5 a worthy goal; others, many others, should have a goal of \$75 or \$125 or more. Do not be content with low aim. Aren't you a "good Samaritan"? Don't you hear America calling? More than that, the desire of Christ to be recognized as Savior by all in our land and in the world should stir us who know to pass on the Gospel by the gift part of us to these who otherwise will not hear. In every way the wise Y.W.A. counselor will assist her auxiliary to a beautiful observance of this Week of Prayer and its accompanying offering. Do not fail to make adequate preparation and carry the preparation through to complete action. The southwide goal of \$105,000 must be met; how gratifying it would be to pass it by generous margin.

In the March number of *The Window of Y.W.A.* is Dr. Lawrence's Appeal and in February and March numbers are numerous stories appropriate to this home mission emphasis. Use these to strengthen the understanding of what prayer and money really can do to win the lost. Make home missions real and intimate to every Y.W.A. member that she may fulfill her destined part in the home mission task and see that Christ be uplifted in the homeland.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

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

TOGETHER in a UNITY of PRAYER



Every W.M.U. young people's director and counselor of a missionary education organization will be eager to see that all our young people participate in the observance of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions and the Annie W. Armstrong Offering, March 2-6. The programs are distributed through your state W.M.U. headquarters, prayerfully planned for your use. Do not tuck your copy away carelessly but study it and follow the suggestions as they fit your organization best. Never permit this prayer season to become a thing of routine, merely to enable your organization to fulfill a point on its Standard of Excellence. What value would there, could there be in such forced praying? In grudging giving?

Present this as it is—a glowing season in which young people and women across our southland, in Cuba and Panama Canal Zone unite in prayer that America may be Christian. The cover design on each of our W.M.U. missionary magazines during March will inspire any group if considered carefully. Surely the Heavenly Father desires that the light of the cross of Christ Jesus may stream over our southern states and adjoining territory and on out to all the world. Our united prayer will help to gratify this desire, so dearly taught mankind.

Sunbeams, especially, will not miss having a prayer service. When Sunbeam Bands first began, being the only such organization for our young people, those of all ages belonged. Their gifts were devoted annually to specified home and foreign mission causes: one year \$5000 to the El Paso school, another \$6000 for a chapel in Cardenas, Cuba, another year \$8,500 for work among the Indians, with foreign mission objectives in equal sum those years.

In 1934 our 6,107 Sunbeam Bands gave \$2,531.35 through the Annie W. Armstrong Offering to these same and other home mission objects. Many Sunbeam Bands evidently did not share at all in this giving. This Fiftieth Anniversary year every Sunbeam Band without fail will want to pray for and give to home missions; surely we should do as much now as we did when our numbers were smaller, should do as much and more.

Likewise for G.A.'s. and R.A.'s. and Y.W.A.'s., counselors and directors will help set worthy goals in their organization gifts. For Sunbeams and for Junior R.A.'s and G.A.'s. one less than customary program is provided in the pages of March *World Comrades*. This makes it possible for the Sunbeams to have their Week of Prayer observance without more than one meeting a week during the month and for the juniors to have it in their regular two meetings a month yet not miss the sequence of their programs outlined in *World Comrades*. Any organization which customarily meets only once a month will add one gathering during March for this prayer meeting, of course. The same meeting of the organization could, naturally enough, not be a regular monthly missionary program meeting and also an observance of the special Week of Prayer Program for Home Missions. The Intermediate R.A.'s. and G.A.'s. will prefer to plan for an additional meeting in March as a fervent prayer service, so their customary two programs are carried as usual in *World Comrades*. The alert leader or counselor will be using as background material the many stories regarding different home mission activities published in both February and March *World Comrades*. Seeing the definite working of one's money is a real incentive to giving more money to do more telling of the Gospel story to those who otherwise will not know the message of His cross. Prayer and giving go hand in hand. During March 2-6, 1936, let your young people link petitions and offerings with others over the south that prayer may be united, that the goal of \$105,000 may be easily overpassed for His sake.

TRAINING SCHOOL

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

The TRAINING SCHOOL after FIFTEEN YEARS



Hungry for refreshing of spirit, and realizing the need of renewing of methods, where should a former Training School student turn but to House Beautiful? And yet—Mrs. McLure, Miss Leachman, Mrs. Eager—why, those who made it House Beautiful are not there, and inevitably the changes are many, so do I want to go to Louisville for my study or—do I?

But here I am, and interesting it is indeed to be here. Changes there are, of course, some amusingly discovered, as when I sat some thirty minutes waiting for evening chapel which is not a daily occurrence now. Other changes seem so utterly natural that one could not think of wishing for the former routine which was just as natural then.

But I could hardly believe it was not the "then" when I was welcomed with open arms when the taxi left me at the front door; and Miss Littlejohn's welcome will be a treasured memory alongside one Mrs. McLure once gave me. It was Missionary Day, and how the Spirit Beautiful filled the House as the white-clad throng gathered in the dining room, and then simply and naturally found their places in the chapel while the pianist contributed to the reverence of the hour with quiet music. Praise Service! What a beginning to the new period of study for an old student! Sunday morning devotions in the dining room led by the principal, the Tuesday afternoon prayer hour just as informal and just as deep in spirit as that hour in memory's treasure chest, the morning watch, the quiet hours and, above them all, the "Prayer Room" where Lottie Moon's sacrificial spirit as well as her portrait is present, all these contribute to the infinite calm which is permeating the whole place. This is evident not only in the religious exercises but also in the countless courtesies, the continuous kindly thoughtfulness of the students not only for this gray-haired returned student but for one another in the give and take of the daily routine.

And the classes! Well, there I am simply auditing and am not responsible for papers, recitations etc. I can understand how Rip Van Winkle felt when he awakened! Some of the language is unintelligible, some of the thought patterns seem of strange guise. But the content of the lectures is food to the hungry soul and the reading already suggested promises many happy, fruitful hours. That this present day world presents a challenge quite different from that of fifteen years ago, no one will deny. And that this different challenge must be met by a different presentation of our unchanging faith is equally evident. Approach, methods, projects, vocabulary, all must be brought into line with the new round of life of today. And the opportunity to do this is abundantly offered here, where the faith of our fathers is held in all its integrity while pace is kept with the march of the modern world. Perhaps one exception should be noted—the library, although its quarters have been changed, is all too familiar. One might wish for more change in the line-up on its shelves.

But truly, it is still House Beautiful! Well did those far-seeing souls pave the way, and worthily did they lay the foundation. Surely, it is His own Spirit poured out in peculiarly abundant measure that makes it House Beautiful. And so, were I permitted to return yet another fifteen years hence, spirit-hungry and mind-weary, again would I turn with glad confidence to House Beautiful.—*Naomi Schell, '21*

CURRENT MISSIONARY EVENTS

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

More than once we have called attention on this page to the fact that Great Britain honors missionaries working in her domain and that this is done irrespective of denomination or nationality. Nigeria on the west coast of Africa, where southern Baptist missionaries are at work, is a British colony. Just recently the Foreign Mission Board released the information that four of our missionaries, two being women, had been decorated last May by the King of England for distinguished service to Nigeria. They were Dr. and Mrs. George Green and Dr. and Mrs. E. G. MacLean.

According to Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke the Baptist Union of Australia has formed a Woman's Board, which is related to that Union in the same way as its other boards. The object has been to unite the women of the different states of Australia and to enable them to take concerted action on dominion-wide or world-wide interests.

The following items concerning the work of women in Kingdom interests have appeared in the *Missionary Review of the World* from time to time in the past twelve months:

Mrs. Adena Miller Rich has been appointed to succeed the world-famous Jane Addams as head of Hull House in Chicago. She was associated with Miss Addams for twenty years.

In June 1935 the Woman's Missionary Society of the Moravian Church of Bethlehem, Pa., celebrated its 117th anniversary. The church was founded in 1741; in 1746 it sent Susan Elizabeth Kaske and her husband, George Kaske, as missionaries to the Indians in South America. Mrs. Kaske was a

native-born American and is said to have been the first native-born protestant missionary to go out from North America to a foreign land.

Dr. Catherine L. Mabie has been honored by the Belgian Government with *La Croix de Chevalier de l'Ordre Royal du Lion*. She is the first appointee of the Baptist Woman's Board (*Northern U. S.*) in the Belgian Congo to be thus recognized.

Frances Hatton Eva Hassell was awarded honors last year by the King of England for work in western Canada. Miss Hassell, after doing Sunday school work in England, decided to start the Sunday school *habitat* in remote parts of Canada. Fifteen years ago she bought a motor caravan and spent a summer with a woman companion, traveling among isolated communities where she would organize a Sunday school class, persuade some one to carry on the work and would leave books for their guidance. She now has 17 caravans, each "manned" by two women (*a chauffeur and a teacher*).

A Scotch noble-woman, the Hon. Mary Scott, is pioneering in the state of Sikkim within sight of the Himalayan Mountains, where it was supposed to be impossible for a woman to go. Miss Scott has even penetrated into a village where professional murderers not infrequently offer poisoned tea to strangers. Notwithstanding the fact that she is known among the natives as the jackal incarnate in human form, come to steal their girls, she has nursed and cared for some of the children and has a school in her house with eighty pupils.

And Jesus said: "Go—and lo, I am with you!"

"THIS IS the VICTORY" for FIVE STATES in RENEWALS and NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS for ROYAL SERVICE

RIGHT ROYAL was the celebration of this magazine last year because each state had surpassed its goal in the preceding year's campaign for renewals and subscriptions. But as to 1935 the victory now belongeth to only five of the nineteen states. These five states, that in the "running" refused during last year to be "hindered" by previous success or by the higher goal, are "typical" states in that two of them were above the average, two were average and one was nearly average as compared with the goal for the total for all societies. These "on-the-victor's-banner" states are:

Arkansas, Illinois, Missouri, North Carolina, Virginia.

SIMILAR SERVICE could have been rendered by all of the states no doubt if they had remembered John's definition of victory and James' added explanation as to work. They, ever believing and working said: "This is the victory, even our faith". . . . "Faith, if it have not works, is dead". Deeply grateful is the magazine for all the faithful work in each state in behalf of renewals and new subscriptions, "grand" indeed being the "total"—75,562. The new calendar year offers a higher challenge in its goal of 78,920: this represents a 5% increase over each state's splendid record in 1935. Each Literature Committee and every individual canvasser, in urging renewals or new subscriptions, can honestly say that missions at home and abroad is advanced by increased use of ROYAL SERVICE. So, therefore, please

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Fla.	2630	2760
Ga.	7042	7395
Ill.	1065*	1115
Ky.	5288	5550
La.	3074	3125
Md.	504	530
Miss.	4370	4590
Mo.	4746*	4980
N. M.	414	435
N. C.	8479*	8950
Okla.	3280	3450
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