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EDITORIAL

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

FOUR "R's"



Every reading of Joshua 24 is stimulating and quickening. What a stirring picture it presents. The oft wandering children of Israel were come together to be reminded of God's dealings with them, to recommit themselves to His service, to experience a renewal of faith and to openly reaffirm their purpose to serve God with their whole hearts. There is something stimulating and quickening about a great meeting and this ancient one has about it many of the earmarks of innumerable meetings of the hosts of God's people in all the ages. Its essential characteristics are duplicated in every really effective gathering of Christians.

The 48th Annual Meeting of Woman's Missionary Union to be held in St. Louis May 12-13 promises to hold for its delegates and visitors all the essential elements of a great meeting, inspiring, uplifting and helpful.

REMEMBRANCE. The fact that our Union is nearing its Fiftieth Anniversary and that a splendid committee is even now making plans for a worthy celebration of this our Golden Jubilee means that we are taking a backward look and a forward look, that we shall be calling to our remembrance the things that God has done for us and through us. Even the year 1935 has recorded some signal victories, some marked evidences of God's favor and blessing. These will be called to our remembrance in the approaching meeting and because of them we shall be stimulated to more devoted service.

RE-CREATION. However often one drinks at the pure life-giving spring, it is necessary to return again and again to be refreshed and strengthened. Christian fellowship, touching hands with our co-laborers in the work at home and in the fields of the wide world, does revive us and bring a real stimulus to our every-day tasks. Our meeting place, the beautiful Music Hall of the great City Auditorium, will seat in comfort and with perfect hearing facilities 3500 people. Even though we may expect full delegations there will still be ample and adequate space for a very large number of visitors (so-called only to distinguish them from the regularly chosen-by-their-states delegates, though they are one with us in interest and in our labor of love). With gifted speakers, missionaries, those who have touched the far-flung battle lines, all with lips touched with coals from His glowing altar fires, we shall truly wait upon the Lord and be renewed, re-created.

RE-DEDICATION. One hundred years ago Henrietta Hall Shuck was on the high seas or on some alien shore, spending often heavy hours, preparing for her service as the first Baptist woman missionary to China. This deeply significant event will be fittingly commemorated in this annual meeting. Our beyond-the-goal gifts in the 1935 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will make possible a worthy memorial to this courageous heroine of ours. It provides a triumphant note which, with the other victories recorded, will lead to a rededication to the holy purposes which actuated this heroine and those pioneers who organized Woman's Missionary Union.

RESOLUTION. The three "R's" above will lead to certain resolutions: to go to this 48th annual meeting; to be promptly on time at every session; to take alert minds and sympathetic hearts; to make careful notes that we may carry to our co-workers at home in helpfulness and inspiration; to be prayerful and ready to receive the blessings offered. The resolution of the children of Israel, "The Lord our God will we serve and his voice will we obey" will be our resolution as we turn again home after this fellowship period of recreation, re-dedication and holy remembrance.

ANNUAL MEETING

ST. LOUIS WELCOMES YOU!



The new Municipal Auditorium has been chosen as the place of meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention and its auxiliary, Woman's Missionary Union, which convenes on Tuesday morning, May 12. The closing W.M.U. session will be on Wednesday night, the 13th.

The new Municipal Auditorium—"A great center for culture and recreation"—is the last word in convenience, adaptability and comfort. The people of St. Louis are justly proud that they have provided an auditorium that compares in scope and grandeur with the finest buildings in the world, dedicated to similar purposes. It represents an investment of \$6,000,000 and is outstanding among convention halls in the country. Facing the Memorial Plaza, in the heart of the downtown section of the city, this beautiful structure contains a Music Hall—seating 3,500—and an extensive Arena seating 12,500. One unique feature of the stage arrangement is the immense 30-ton steel, fire proof curtain, electrically driven, which partitions the Music Hall from the Arena. When raised, the two are thrown together, like one large amphitheater, accommodating 16,000 people. There are four convenient assembly halls, seating 750 each, and an expansive exposition hall of 91,000 sq. ft. On all floors are numerous committee rooms of various sizes, seating from 35 to 264 people. There are rest rooms, writing rooms, nursery rooms—all conveniently located—and many other conveniences. The Missouri Baptist Hospital will maintain a fully equipped hospital unit in the Auditorium during these conventions, which will provide first aid to the visitors and delegates. The three W.M.U. sessions on May 12 and the three on the 13th will all be held in the Music Hall of the Auditorium.

The entire building is air-conditioned. The many provisions for comfort in the St. Louis Auditorium merit your special attention. Air, temperature, light and seats are all comfort details worked out in this ultra modern assembly building. It is located three blocks from Union Station and within easy walking distance of a large number of St. Louis' best hotels. It can be conveniently reached by surface cars, bus lines and service cars, and there are ample parking facilities adjacent to it.

St. Louis is one of the leading convention cities in the United States and attracts annually nearly 300 conventions. These events are uniformly successful: first, because of the convenience of the Auditorium; and second, because of its convenience and adaptability.

Mrs. E. E. King is General Chairman of the W.M.U. on local arrangements. She has selected a corps of efficient assistants who are busily engaged in planning every detail for the care and comfort of all W.M.U. delegates and visitors. They are making every preparation for your coming. We shall expect you in great numbers!—Mrs. W. E. Atkins, St. Louis Publicity Chairman

Concerning 1935 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

By the middle of February the receipts had gone beyond \$284,000. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow!" The May issue of this magazine will carry more detailed information as to this big victory.

SHUCK CENTENNIAL

INTERESTING PLACES CONNECTED WITH EARLY LIFE OF HENRIETTA HALL SHUCK

It is impossible to comprehend the many influences that contribute to the making of a life. The influence of physical environment during the formative period of our lives is, perhaps, far greater than most of us realize.

In thinking of Henrietta Hall Shuck's early life and the varied influences surrounding it, four names of places intimately connected therewith claim our attention—Kilmarnock, the place of her birth; Merry Point, the home of her happy childhood; "Waverly", the home in which she budded into young womanhood; and Morattico, her church home. All of these places are situated within a few miles of each other in the beautiful and historic Northern Neck of Virginia.

While for many years, before the advent of the automobile, it was of necessity an isolated section, there is about it an indescribable charm. Probably no spot in all the world is more loved and revered by its natives or more delightfully fascinating to strangers. Because of the towering greatness of its great men and women, this section has been characterized in history as the "land of the giants". It is here that we find the original homes of the Washingtons and Lees, the Carters, Marshalls, Madisons, Monroes and many others who have had a large part in making the history of our nation. When on October 17th, 1935, the marker was unveiled at Henrietta Hall's birthplace and presented to the town of Kilmarnock, Senator Norris in his speech acceptance mentioned the names of Lancaster's three most distinguished daughters—i.e. Mary Ball, who became the mother of George Washington; Ann Hill Carter, who became the mother of Robert E. Lee; and Henrietta

Hall, the first American woman missionary to China.

Kilmarnock, the place of Henrietta's birth, was at that time about 100 years old, having been named by the Rev. Mr. Currie, rector of Christ Church (built by "King" Carter) for his native town, Kilmarnock in Scotland. Surrounded on nearly every side by waters of creek, river or bay, it is indeed beautiful for situation. Even though at the present time its inhabitants number less than a thousand, it is a thriving business center: few towns or cities in America transact daily more business per capita. In this small town we find seven churches, representing five denominations. The Baptists are predominant.

About fourteen miles distant "up the county" is Merry Point. The Hall house, still standing, is one of the oldest in Lancaster, having been built nearly two hundred years ago by Col. James Gordon for his beautiful daughter, Mary, when she became the bride of Rev. James Waddell, the "blind preacher" of William Wirt's famous story, "Letters of the British Spy". This place commands a lovely view of the picturesque Corrothoman River.

Today, with paved roads and automobiles, we would consider a fourteen mile drive to church rather inconvenient but, in Henrietta's day with bad roads and horse carriage, the drive from Merry Point to Morattico was literally speaking a "Sabbath day's journey". However, all records concerning the Hall family lead us to believe that they counted it a happy privilege to worship on Sunday within the sacred walls of the Northern Neck's oldest Baptist church. This church, so rich in Baptist history, was organized in 1778 by Rev. Lewis Lunsford who became its first

pastor. Organized in a private home ("Morattico Hall") as were so many of the early churches, it took its name from that home. Rev. Addison Hall, the father of Henrietta, having left the law for the ministry, became pastor of Morattico in 1835—the year of Henrietta's sailing for China—and continued an unbroken pastorate for 35 years. In the beautiful little cemetery on the sloping hills of the church yard, awaiting the sunrise of tomorrow, lie the bodies of Rev. Lewis Lunsford, Rev. Addison Hall, Dr. Thomas S. Dunaway—author of "Pioneering for Jesus"—and many other notable representatives of two centuries of Baptist faith.

It was at "Waverly", just outside the corporate limits of Kilmarnock, that Henrietta Hall passed from the irresponsible joys of childhood to the more thoughtful and serious estate of young womanhood. It was here that she heard God's call to give not only her heart but also her life to His service. This planta-

tion, washed by the waters of Indian Creek, which is an estuary of Chesapeake Bay, was at the time of Col. Hall's ownership the richest spot of farming land in that entire section. With all the servants necessary to care for such a place, the Hall family lived in the ease and comfort characteristic of ante-bellum days in Virginia.

Who can say that such congenial surroundings did not contribute to the symmetrical development of such a life? Surely she could appreciate the historic wealth and ancient culture of the Chinese. But, lest we do violence to her own sensitive spiritual nature, we pause and ask what would be her own explanation of her life? To our questioning hearts, she would answer:

"I heard Him call . . .
I rose and followed—that was all!"

—Mrs. R. E. Booker
Chairman of
Va. W.M.U. Committee on
Shuck Centennial

An "Eloquent Lady"

EVEN so was Mrs. E. Y. Mullins of Louisville, Ky., whether one thinks of her as a home-maker or as the honored wife of Dr. Mullins or as the author of many books or as the friend of Woman's Missionary Union and of its Training School. Her last book was entitled "House Beautiful", commemorating the school's Silver Jubilee. When Dr. Mullins was a pastor in Baltimore Mrs. Mullins was a member (1892-95) of W.M.U. Executive Committee, one of her chief helps being the writing of widely circulated tracts. When she passed to her Heavenly Home early in February it was gratefully remembered that one of the early W.M.U. leaflets was her home missions one entitled "Miss Keziah and Her Tracts". Gratefully, tenderly will Woman's Missionary Union hold in remembrance Mrs. E. Y. Mullins.

OLD SCRAPBOOKS WANTED for EXHIBIT

If you own a scrapbook kept by some early W.M.U. worker and containing W.M.U. PUBLICATIONS antedating 1896, would you be willing to lend it for exhibit at St. Louis? If so please send it by April 15th to Woman's Missionary Union, 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.

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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. S. E. Bishop
Mrs. E. N. Black



Mrs. Lowndes
 was W.M.U. treasurer 1895-1902; 1906-'24. She was treasurer emerita 1904-'05. In 1934 she was made an honorary member of W.M.U. Executive Committee. "The Elizabeth Lowndes Scholarship" under the Margaret Fund was launched January, 1934. The following program pertains to it.



Mrs. Eager
 was vice chairman original Training School Committee, 1904-1907; vice chairman Local Board of Managers of W.M.U. Training School, 1907-1908; chairman Local Board of Managers, 1908-1926; honorary member Local Board of Managers, 1926-1933, the year she passed to her great reward. The following program explains the "Mrs. George E. Eager Fellowship Fund".

MARGARET FUND

Chairman: Mrs. Frank Burney, Waynesboro, Ga.

TRAINING SCHOOL

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

NOTE—The following motion was adopted at the W.M.U. annual meeting in Memphis last May:

"That next June Women's Missionary Union urge the societies to present a "forget-me-not" program in behalf of the Margaret Fund and the W.M.U. Training School, at which time an offering shall be ingathered, the proceeds to be evenly divided between the Elizabeth Lowndes Margaret Fund Scholarship and the Mrs. Geo. B. Eager Fellowship Fund. That the minimum goal per member be 10c. The Margaret Fund and Training School jointly to prepare and furnish necessary literature for the presentation. If June does not fit into the program of any state, then such states adopt the month most acceptable to them".

It is neither the purpose nor the desire that this "forget-me-not" program take the place of or be combined with the society's regular missionary program of the month. Many societies will doubtless render this "forget-me-not" program at their quarterly social gathering.

"FORGET-ME-NOT" PROGRAM

Pertaining to

Margaret Fund and W.M.U. Training School

Song: "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

Prayers: 1. Forget not the students now at W.M.U. Training School.
 2. Forget not the Margaret Fund students on list this year.

Devotional: Bible "Forget Nots"—Deut. 4:13; Psa. 119:16, 50:22, 78:7, 9:12; Prov. 3:1; Heb. 6:10; Isa. 49:15; Heb. 13:16; Psa. 103:2

(Write these on cards on which forget-me-nots are drawn. Give as Bible book marks.)

Song: "Lead On, O King Eternal" *(Always sung at Training School during senior vesper service at commencement)*

Talk: Forget Not Our Training School Girls

(Artificial forget-me-nots may have cards tied to them, each card bearing name of a Training School girl, past or present, especially those in whom your state is particularly interested. Secure information from your state W.M.U. headquarters about your Training School girls. How many of your state have been trained there? What are they doing now etc.? Further general information for a talk can be secured from Training School article in September, 1935, Home and Foreign Fields, Training School page in all numbers of Royal Service and leaflets secured from state W.M.U. headquarters or W.M.U. Training School, 334 E. Broadway, Louisville, Ky.)

Prayer: Forget not to pray for all graduates of Training School now in Christian service at home and abroad

Talk: A Reminder of a Worthy Memorial *(Appended)*
(See Training School page of Royal Service, April, 1935.)

Dialogue: "Forget Not Your Work and Labors of Love" *(Appended)*

Talks: Our Forget-Me-Nots—Margaret Fund Students

(Large picture of basket of forget-me-nots may be drawn with colored chalk or painted on big piece of cardboard: 296 students, 296 forget-me-nots. Tell of students your state is to mother. Get information from your state chairman. Tell what your society is going to do to let them know you "forget-them-not". Excerpts from Margaret Fund pages in previous issues of *Royal Service* could be used here.)

Solo: "We'll Forget Not Your Child"

(Air of "Believe Me I) All Those Endearing Young Charms")
Far from kindred and home, with the message of Grace
In the lands steeped in darkness and sin,
Missionaries, revealing the light of His face,
With the Savior are seeking lost men;
While here in our schools their children must stay,
Far from parents and home's precious ties,
Sighing oft for the touch of a hand far away,
For the love in a fond mother's eyes.
Tender hearts of the women of W.M.U.
Claim these homesick ones as their own,
Shed around them affection protective and warm,
Like the love of the mother they've known.
So bear it afar on the waves of the air
To the brave hearts that hold that thin line:
"We'll forget not your child—while the message you bear—
While you tell of a Savior divine".—Mrs. W. C. Little, Ga.

DIALOGUE: "FORGET NOT YOUR WORK and LABORS of LOVE"

Characters:

Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn—Principal W.M.U. Training School

Mrs. Frank Burney—Southwide Chairman Margaret Fund

Scene: In Mrs. Burney's Home

Mrs. Burney (Seated; rises to greet Miss Littlejohn): My dear Miss Littlejohn! How happy we are to have you come by to see us. We need greatly to have a little conference, and indeed glad am I to welcome you again in our little home.

Miss Littlejohn: Mrs. Burney, it is good to be with you once more. I have not forgotten how you and I labored together often in that Hepzibah Association, when I was in Augusta, Ga. 'Tis remarkable and strange, too, how God has called both of us into these two larger places of great responsibility and yet such joyous tasks—you as Margaret Fund chairman of Woman's Missionary Union and me as the principal of our W.M.U. Training School—each of us in a peculiar way to be responsible for enlisting and informing all these thousands of societies about these two precious departments. What a work we each have and yet—such labors of love!

Mrs. Burney: Yes, dear, but this responsibility frightens me and humbles me, and we do need the prayers of our southern women. I was thinking the other day how our work and labors have been peculiarly thrown side by side. I have not forgotten that when as chairman of the Margaret Fund I gave my first report in Kansas City in 1923 you were there appointed acting principal of our Training School.

Miss Littlejohn: That is interesting! And I think it is sweet how many people think of these causes as twins. Our apportionments are equally divided by the southern Union, and some of our Margaret Fund students attend the Training School.

Mrs. Burney: We praise our Heavenly Father when our students desire to be polished and prepared for service in our lovely House Beautiful. We wish more would choose to attend the Training School. Didn't our hearts rejoice together when our Foreign Board at the last Southern Baptist Convention appointed our student—your student—Helen Dozier, as missionary to Japan?

Miss Littlejohn: Yes, indeed, and now we have another of our Margaret Fund students this year at Training School—Mary Lucile Saunders—preparing to go as missionary to China. I found it interesting recently to make a list of the missionary daughters who have studied at the Training School, a total of seventeen in the twenty-nine years. Only ten of these were Margaret Fund students. You know it is too funny the way some people get the Margaret Fund and Training School mixed up. Once upon a time one lady called up to say she was coming out to see the "Margaret School". When she arrived we found it difficult to explain why all the missionaries' children were not in school with us.

Mrs. Burney: Does that not prove, my dear, that we need to get to work on that "forget-me-not program"? So many yet do not know about these causes. Of course, our missionaries choose the schools in which their own sons and daughters matriculate. I sometimes wish all these precious boys and girls were in a place as beautiful, as inspiring, as safe for them and as missionary-minded as is the atmosphere and influence of House Beautiful.

Miss Littlejohn: My heart has been burdened about these two great causes, these special "labors of love" that our Union is fostering. Every society should not forget that the W.M.U. is wholly, entirely, absolutely responsible for the founding, maintenance and fostering of these two causes and that, if they fail in this, these two great missionary-producing organizations will fail.

Mrs. Burney: I, too, am deeply and anxiously concerned. I am glad we are to feature a special program this year on these two causes. I've jotted down some points in common between us that we may use in that program. I know you've brought some fine points on the Training School that you want us to "forget not". Get your pencil, let's not forget these.

Prayer: Forget not to pray for all Margaret Fund students now laboring for the Master on foreign fields and in America.

Talk: Elizabeth Lowndes Scholarship Fund (Appended)

(See "Honoring Mrs. Lowndes", April, 1934, *Royal Service*.)

Offering: Forget Not the Aim

(Set an aim of at least 10 cents per member to be used for Elizabeth Lowndes Scholarship of Margaret Fund and Mrs. George B. Eager Fellowship Fund of Training School. Send offering according to your state policy. Carefully mark in forwarding: "Forget-Me-Not" Offering.)

Dismissal Prayer: Forget not to pray that this program may be used of God and that these two special labors of love may not be forgotten by our Baptist women.

(Send out post cards on which forget-me-nots are drawn, inviting members to meeting or tea. Have committee to pin on each person, as they enter, natural or artificial forget-me-nots. Use forget-me-nots in decorations. Encourage making forget-me-not posters, one concerning Training School, one as to Margaret Fund.)

A REMINDER of a WORTHY MEMORIAL

THE name of the late Mrs. George B. Eager will always be linked up with the beginning, early struggles and the continuous development through twenty years of Woman's Missionary Union Training School. It was her vision, her faith,

her steadfastness of purpose, her refusal to be discouraged, her quiet persistence more than anything else perhaps, that kept the Louisville women from giving up in utter discouragement and that finally persuaded the Union to take over the venture so bravely started by those same Louisville women.

Among the records found in the office in 1926, after Mrs. Eager had moved from Louisville, was an inconspicuous little memorandum book containing notations about the distributions of a small fund which she had chosen to call the "Fellowship Fund". Over a period of years there were names of students for whom various necessities had thereby been purchased. Mrs. Eager had been given, by an interested friend, a sum of money for the school to be used as she felt it was needed. She decided to devote this gift to the meeting of needs of some students whom she had seen going without many of the necessities for their well-ordered lives. Her mind alert and her heart sympathetic, she began to cast about for a term that would take away any suggestion of charity: hence the name "Fellowship Fund".

In Washington, D. C., in May 1933, at the annual meeting of the General Board of the School shortly after Mrs. Eager's death, it was unanimously voted to make this pet philanthropy of hers a memorial to her by naming it the "Mrs. George B. Eager Fellowship Fund". Surely no honor that has ever come to her could have pleased her more! How she loved W.M.U. Training School and her "granddaughters" as she fondly designated the students!

It is the dream of some of the members of our Board that this memorial may grow to a modest endowment, the interest from which could adequately take care of the emergency needs of students today. We will be grateful for your forget-me-not gifts.

Let us continue this service worthy of the great woman whose name should make it immortal.—Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn

(Gets pencil and paper and reads): In 1904 plans resulted in renting a house in Louisville where young women, seeking training in the Seminary, could live.

1904 minutes record first idea of aiding missionary children and a gift was announced to be used for such.

1905—Larger quarters for Training School secured at Eighth and Broadway

1905—Margaret Home was opened.

\$10,000 given when W.M.U. assumed responsibility of Training School

\$10,000 first gift to purchase a Margaret Home

In 1916—Training School progress demanded enlarged quarters, and steps were taken for House Beautiful.

In 1916—First scholarship granted under enlarged plans—now the Margaret Fund
One point I know we are alike in: our students all enjoy the pecans, peaches, fruits, dates, candies and boxes—all these good love gifts the societies send each year!

Miss Littlejohn: Yes, indeed, we are so grateful for these and hope the states will keep it up. We do want us to forget not that the Training School is a mighty missionary force in world missions of Christianity. It was the missionary incentive that gave the School birth. How splendid that our history runs so parallel one with the other. I especially want our societies to remember this (reads paper) that "Dr. Simmons early in his missionary career in China recognized the need of special training for our women missionaries and pleaded for such a school. Young women, hoping to be missionaries and recognizing their need of further training, forced the issue by going to Louisville to study in the Seminary".

Mrs. Burney: I suspect there was great consternation and amazement of the men, when a young lady appeared in their classes. My, it took courage! Just how many young women have attended the Training School?

Miss Littlejohn: Through these 29 years 1891 have studied in the classes. They have come from all southern Baptist states, 23 from northern Baptist states and from 13 foreign countries. There have been enrolled this year in the School 61 boarding students and 20 day students.

Mrs. Burney: When the Southern Baptist Convention met in Louisville in 1927 we visited the lovely House Beautiful. Oh, I hope when our societies put on their forget-me-not program they'll write for the new Training School article called "Will You Become Acquainted with It?" and learn for themselves of the beautiful and sacred memorials builded into this structure. To climb the marble stairway dedicated to Dr. Frost, to enter the sacred Heck Memorial Chapel and to pause a moment at Lottie Moon's desk in that tiny, quiet prayer room was worth my trip to Louisville. It is no wonder our Training School graduates are such a force for God when they come polished and purified by this "Power House of Prayer".

"They call it Beautiful, that House
For lives that lift a world in prayer,
For truth and faith and love and hope
And Christ, who ever dwelleth here".

I did thoroughly enjoy your article, Miss Littlejohn, in *Home and Foreign Fields* last September. It was most illuminating and helpful.

Miss Littlejohn: Thank you. We wish every bright, gifted, consecrated, young Baptist woman could attend our School. It costs so little, \$200 a year ought to cover actual expenses, and we cannot evaluate in money the gain to her life and soul. The most glorious parts of the record of our Training School are these facts. Write them down for that program. (She reads, Mrs. Burney writes): In these 29 years 181 young women have served in 13 foreign countries as regular or in a few cases as independent missionaries. Others have gone into every door of denominational service open to them: home and state missions, W.M.U. work, Sunday school, B. T. U. and church work, orphanages, hospitals and Christian schools. The money invested in young life is being multiplied in a varied and worthy ministry. They go from House Beautiful to Life Beautiful and at home and abroad our graduates are bearing His Cross, proclaiming His name, living His service.

Mrs. Burney: Isn't it marvelous? Because of the fruits of both of these W.M.U. interests we can reverently say: "Bless the Lord, Oh my soul, and forget not all His benefits!" Miss Littlejohn, what do you think we should not forget to tell about the Margaret Fund in that special program we want to arrange? You know I love it so I'd talk on and on about it, and I realize the time is so short for these missionary programs.

Miss Littlejohn: Let me see! Well, I'd say we have 66 on list this year and that the Fund has aided 296 sons and daughters of missionaries. Be sure and tell that Mrs. Frank Chambers gave that first \$10,000 and that it's grown marvelously. Tell that the Fund is named Margaret in honor of Mrs. Chambers' grandmother, mother and daughter and that the Margaret Memorial has helped greatly to enlarge the Fund.

Mrs. Burney: Don't you just love the name Margaret Fund? A missionary from China recently wrote me that a little son of a missionary at the birth of a little brother said: "If he had been a girl we would have named her 'Margaret Fund'". You see, our missionaries have it written on their hearts, they do not forget it.

Miss Littlejohn: Missionaries have said that the separation from their children is their greatest test, their greatest cross.

Mrs. Burney: Yes, this mothering means almost as much to the missionary as the scholarship money. Through this, we plan and pray for and strive to protect these boys and girls during this separation and loneliness and sickness and sorrows. Our God has been so merciful and good to us though, and these sons and daughters far from parents have been unusually well and blessed. Many women in the states provide generously for many emergencies—through their love gifts, "their mothering". Of course we do have some hurried operations, bad eye troubles, feet, sinus etc. Oh! these vacation periods! One daughter was killed during Christmas holidays in auto, one boy on motorcycle killed during a weekend. One boy was found dead during a summer vacation. How we praise God that many of the Margaret Fund students, who have no family and place to go, find work at Ridgecrest each summer. We do long to make all the women see how they need our love, protection and prayers and how our missionaries and students prize this cause.

Miss Littlejohn: I've felt that the names of our Margaret Fund students on our Prayer Calendar must bring added peace, comfort and joy to these dear young people and to their parents. I think that it is also a fine thing for our local women: it gives them a world vision in prayer and teaches them the names of missionary and child. Oh! I do hope every woman will "forget not" to pray for them. We are so glad that former Training School students and former Margaret Fund students are brought also to us on the Calendar of Prayer.

Mrs. Burney: Miss Littlejohn, do you believe it is because our Baptist women have not forgotten to pray, that God is calling so many of our students? Many are now volunteers, ready for definite service for Christ. We find our Margaret Fund students in many foreign countries doing missionary work. When Dr. Maddy returned from abroad recently he wrote how fine some of these were, and six new ones were appointed as missionaries in October: Lois Glass, Harriett King, Deaver Lawton and Alexander Herring to China; Helen Bagby and Edith Deter Oliver to Brazil. They have been trained, already know the languages of the countries, understand the customs and will make efficient and consecrated missionaries. These are carrying on the work of their parents and are reflecting great credit and honor to Woman's Missionary Union that has invested in prayer, in time and in money for their training. Many on list now are volunteers preparing some day to go.

Miss Littlejohn: Yours is no loan scholarship, is it?

Mrs. Burney: No, ours is a gift, just as forget-me-not, born of love, an expression of love for our missionaries from Woman's Missionary Union. These scholarships are not to be expected or demanded, they are just like a Christmas present, a message to them that we love them and forget them not. We give \$250 scholarships.

Miss Littlejohn: What plans have you about the "forget-me-not" program?

Mrs. Burney: Now, that's why I'm especially glad you've come. You know I asked you to please arrange it, but you would not do it, so here are my suggestions. I've written everything I can about "forget-me-nots" in the last W.M.U. annual meeting report and in recent pages in *Royal Service*. I hope the societies will look them up and have their gifted women use them in making a program really worthwhile.

Miss Littlejohn: That will be fine, but I do not see why all that we have just been saying is not proper for such a program. However, we do want to stress that the offering at this Forget-Me-Not Tea or Program will be divided between the Mrs. George B. Eager Fellowship Fund of the W.M.U. Training School and the Elizabeth Lowndes Scholarship of the Margaret Fund. Also don't forget to say

that all the money is to be sent according to the state policy and designated as the "Forget-Me-Not" Offering.

Mrs. Burney: Isn't this a beautiful way to honor these two rare women who have labored and loved both of these causes so long and so lovingly? Just as we wear poppies in honor of our war soldiers, I hope every Baptist woman will delight to wear forget-me-nots in honor of our Soldiers of the Cross at this meeting and will each give at least 10 cents to complete these two funds. Oh! Miss Littlejohn, we must pray for it and we must get to work on that program! We can let them "forget not our work, our labors of love". We hope those forget-me-not mite boxes that the societies made early in the year are now full to overflowing and that when they observe this special program our two funds will be greatly enlarged and will bring joy to our hearts and honor to our Master.

THE ELIZABETH LOWNDES SCHOLARSHIP FUND

WHEN in January of 1934 Mrs. W. C. Lowndes, treasurer of W.M.U. for about forty years, realized she must retire, the Union longed to express by word or deed something of the deep gratitude and profound appreciation they felt for her. Her service had been distinguished by ability, wisdom and devotion. No officer in all the Union's history had been longer in active service, and no life had created greater respect and honor from all with whom she mingled.

She, Elizabeth Lowndes, the Union could not forget and therefore began to create into a beloved department of the Union a scholarship which would perpetuate her name—"The Elizabeth Lowndes Scholarship"—under the Margaret Fund. This scholarship is to be awarded for the senior year to a Margaret Fund student distinguished for high scholastic standing, leadership, personality and character.

Mrs. Lowndes has been ill for several months in her home city, Baltimore. In this evening of her useful and far-reaching life we shall delight to do her honor and add to the coffers of her beloved Margaret Fund through this forget-me-not service.

To us she need not say, "Forget-me-not". Her courageous attitude, her great, loving, understanding, sympathetic heart will always be cherished and honored by the thousands over all the world who love her.

Through this offering we can remind her anew that we honor her and that she is enfolded by our prayers, our love and our grateful appreciation.—*Mrs. Frank Burney*

AS TO HOTELS in ST. LOUIS

(See also pages 35-36.)

ALL Convention meetings are to be held in the new Municipal Auditorium, Market Street, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth Streets.

There will be ample hotel accommodations, but you are urged to make your reservations early and specify, if possible, the dates for which rooms will be desired. Hotels listed are endorsed by the St. Louis Convention Bureau but by no means exhaust the hotel facilities of the city.

Write for your reservations direct to the hotel of your choice. State that you are attending the Baptist conventions. The number of rooms indicated is the guarantee for Baptist use.

Note that the room prices are "per occupant" except under "Special features". Rates quoted per occupant for double rooms assume the rooms will be occupied by two persons.

Good street car and bus service connect the Auditorium district with all distant hotels. Downtown hotels are within easy walking distance. Blocks are short.

BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES

MONTH'S PROGRAM for BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Prepared by Miss Pearl Bourne, Associate W.M.U. Young People's Secretary

TOPIC for MONTH: PIONEERS of the KINGDOM

Hymn—"Give of Your Best to the Master"

Scripture Lesson—The Mustard Seed: *Matt. 13:31, 32 (Page 18)*

Prayer—(Use "Calendar of Prayer", pages 19-20.)

All for the Kingdom: Introduction (Page 23)

Prayer that each may find her place of service in the Kingdom

Talk—All Life for the Kingdom: Miss Heck (*Beginning with "A W.M.U. Pioneer", Pages 23-26*)

Hymn—"Take My Life and Let It Be"

Talk—All Possessions for the Kingdom: Dr. Tichenor (*Beginning with "A Pioneer of Home Missions", Pages 26-28*)

Prayer for Home Missions and Missionaries

Talk—All Persons for the Kingdom: Dr. Graves (*Beginning with "Fifty-Six Years in China", Pages 28-30*)

Dialogue—The Pioneer Spirit (Pages 30-31)

Hymn—"Lead On, O King Eternal"

Christian Greetings from Hawaii—As soon as we docked in the beautiful waters of Honolulu a message came aboard that the Woman's Missionary Society of Calvary Baptist Church was asking to entertain us for the day. And what a glorious day it was of spiritual fellowship with this little missionary society of this little church of three years! The young pastor, Rev. Edward M. Shipman, multiplied the friendly hospitality of the ladies, while the two little Sunbeams, Barbara Metzger and "Mei Mei" Lottia, added extra sunshine to the delightful luncheon served in this little rented Baptist church. It used to be the Japanese church of Hawaii until they moved into a larger building. This little group of sixty Baptists rent this tiny white chapel for \$30 a month and pay their faithful young pastor as much as they can (sometimes it is only \$40 a month).

In addition to its fine W.M.S. and a Sunday school of eighty, this young church with three church services a week is a veritable lighthouse for Christ upon this southern island. The members are soul conscious of the thousands of lost Japanese, Hawaiians, Portuguese and Americans in their midst. The delightful sightseeing tour carried us by the Buddhist "Y" and temple, the "Fish God" by the side of the sea and bedecked with flowers from the hands of worshippers; and we saw other evidences of godliness in the midst of the loveliest island that God ever made of beauty and color and fragrance.

Greetings and love sincere were the W.M.S. messages to their sisters of Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention. They pledged this message and their prayers by standing with bowed heads after Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Tipton and Miss Isabelle Coleman had brought them heartening words about the Master's work in China and in the southern part of the United States.

Struggling terrifically but faithfully unto every opportunity, these sisters in Christ covet our prayers! May we accept this privilege!—From Isabelle Coleman, S. S. President Tuff, Dollar Steamship Lines, January 16, 1936

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 "How to Pray"

valuable suggestions will be available in the following from Mrs. R. K. Redwine, who is one of the three southwide W.M.U. representatives. The book was written by Dr. Torrey as set forth on page 39 of the W.M.U. Year Book.

Teacher's Preparation—Long in advance of teaching the book, read it: not with the thought of teaching but for inspiration and strength. Read and meditate upon the Scripture suggested in the book. Take stock of your personal prayer life, meditating upon the following: 1—Is my life victorious through the experience of answered prayer? 2—Have I met the conditions of effective praying? 3—What are the hindrances to effective prayer in my life? 4—I will try to claim some prayer promise before I try to teach others "how to pray". Then re-read the book, making an outline or using the simplified outline suggested below.

Creating a Spiritual Atmosphere in the Class—Print on placards quotations about prayer. Place these in the class room—on the wall, on posts, on backs of seats etc.—so that upon turning the eye in any direction one will read and meditate thereon. The following quotations may be used: "Prayer, the greatest unused force in the universe"; "Pray without ceasing"; "Ask and ye shall receive"; "We ask for toys, when we should be claiming the nations for Christ"; "Call upon Me . . . and I will hear"; "More things are wrought through prayer than this world dreams"; "If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done"; "Be anxious in nothing but . . . let your requests be made known".

Assignments for Class (to be given in advance)—In chapter II (assign to 3 women): "Three Methods of Effective Prayer"; in chapters III to VIII (assign to 5 women): "Five Conditions of Answered Prayer"; in chapter IX (assign to 7 women): "Seven Hindrances to Effective Prayer"; in chapter XII (assign to 5 women): "Five Revivals That Originated in Prayer". Thought Question: Have each woman meditate upon the same questions which the teacher was asked to meditate upon in the beginning.

Suggested Outline for Blackboard: Ch I—Importance and Need of Prayer—1. Because of a devil; 2. Prayer, God's plan; 3. The apostles and others regarded its importance; 4. Its place in earthly life of our Lord; 5. In life of our risen Lord; 6. Prayer, a means of grace and mercy; 7. Means of fullness of joy; 8. Freedom and peace; 9. Method of receiving Holy Spirit; 10. Means of preparedness; 11. Because of what prayer accomplishes; Ch. II—Method of Effective Prayer—Must be: 1. Offered unto God; 2. In earnest; 3. United; Ch. III to VIII—Conditions of Answered Prayer—1. Obedience; 2. Pray in His Name; 3. Abide in Him; 4. Pray with thanksgiving; Ch. IX—Hindrances to Effective Prayer—1. Selfish purposes; 2. Sin; 3. Idols in the heart; 4. Stinginess; 5. An unforgiving spirit; 6. Wrong domestic relationships; 7. Unbelief; Ch. X—When to Pray—Jesus prayed: 1. Early in morning; 2. At night; 3. Before crises; 4. After achievement; 5. When busy; 6. Before temptation; We should pray: 7. At all times; Ch. XI—Need of Revival—1. Apparent results: (1) Upon the ministry; (2) Upon Christians in general; 2. Evidence of need: (1) In the ministry; (2) Church; (3) World; Ch. XII—Revival Originates in Prayer—1. First great revival, England, 18th century; 2. Rochester, 1830; 4. United States, 1857; 5. Ireland, 16th and 19th centuries; 6. Revival begins with few; 7. Will you let it begin in you?



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 MUSTARD SEED"—Matt. 13:31, 32

"A voice amid the desert, not of him,
Who in rough garments clad and locust fed,
Cried to the sinful multitude and claim'd
Fruits of repentance, with the lifted scourge
Of terror and reproof. A milder Guide,
With gentler tones, doth teach the listening throng,
And the guise of parable allured
The sluggish mind to follow truth and live.
They whom the thunders of the law had stunn'd
Woke to the Gospel's melody with tears;
And the glad Jewish mother held her babe
High in her arms, that its young eye might greet
Jesus of Nazareth. It was so still,
Though thousands cluster'd there, that other sound
Break not the spell of eloquence which held
The wilderness in chains, save now and then,
As the gale freshen'd, came the murmur'd speech
Of distant billows, chaffing with the shores
Of the Tiberian sea".

POSSIBLY no pulpit ever faced a more cosmopolitan audience than the boat on Galilee, sea of sacred memories. Here passed Jew, Roman, Greek, Arab, Phoenician and Egyptian. The highway to Damascus runs along the northern end of the lake. Travelers greet one another with questions about the safety of travel. Members of the French Foreign Legion go their way where Roman soldiers once patrolled. The quiet of lapping waters is interrupted by British planes. Fishermen in boats set out for a night's toil, recalling to lovers of the New Testament the miraculous draught of fishes. Sight of Hills of Gadara bring to the traveler's mind the swine rushing down the steep place. Truly the land called Galilee is Holy Land for those who love the Lord. Commonplace things were glorified by some work of His.

Tiberias is the only lake city of New Testament time which has continued till now. Chorazin is back from the sea. The sites of Capernaum and Bethsaida are not definitely located. We may well ponder Matt. 11:21-24 and think on our cities of today.

The passing throngs would never have listened to deep theological discussions. In Galilee Jesus performed the first miracle; in Galilee He began to teach by parables. From that time fewer miracles are recorded. The disciples had the private interpretations of sermons and teachings. They gained much from this tour with the Master. Jesus did not define the Kingdom of Heaven; but more and more He referred to it. Many times He told them what it was like. Today we read the simple story of the mustard seed: it became a large plant. Such is the outward manifestation of the Kingdom.

Calendar of Prayer

April, 1936

Prepared by Mrs. Maud R. McLure, Georgia

BE CHRISTIAN, my people, be Christian!

Gather unto yourself all the meaning of the word—not Christian interpreted by the life of your neighbor—not Christian interpreted by your former life—but Christian interpreted by the life, the death of the Captain. Be Christian, my people, be Christian!—*Fannie E. S. Heck*

Topic: Pioneers of the Kingdom

1—WEDNESDAY

Pray for annual sessions of W.M.U. of Illinois, Vandalia, April 1, 2.

They shall not labor in vain.—*Isa. 45:13*

2—THURSDAY

For †Miss Cornelia Brower, Colegio Bautista, Temuco, Chile
It is the spirit that giveth life.—*John 6:43*

3—FRIDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. Christopher Pool, Baptist Seminary, Ogbo-moso, Nigeria; also for the Nigerian W.M.U.
I press on toward the goal.—*Phil. 3:14*

4—SATURDAY

For Rev. and †Mrs. J. Hundley Wiley (on furlough), University of Shanghai, China
Trust in Jehovah and do good.—*Psa. 37:3*

5—SUNDAY

Pray that we may have the spiritual power and wisdom of our W.M.U. pioneers; also pray for the May meetings in St. Louis, Missouri, in week beginning May 11
He giveth strength and power unto His people.—*Psa. 68:35*

6—MONDAY

Pray for Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary of Sunday School Board.
My presence shall go with thee.—*Ex. 33:14*

7—TUESDAY

For annual sessions of W.M.U. of Arkansas, Texarkana; W.M.U. of Mississippi, Jackson; and W.M.U. of South Carolina, Spartanburg; April 7-9 inclusive
Send forth thy sickle and reap.—*Rev. 14:15*

8—WEDNESDAY

For †Miss Nellie Lee Putney and †Miss Floy Hawkins, evangelistic work, Walchow, China
Walk before Me and be thou perfect.—*Mat. 23:1*

9—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Quarles, literary and evangelistic work, Mendoza, Argentina
Be their Shepherd also and bear them up.—*Psa. 28:9*

10—FRIDAY

For †Miss Rose Marlowe, educational work, Shanghai, and for W.M.U. of Central China
If we walk in the light . . . we have fellowship one with another.—*1 John 1:7*

11—SATURDAY

For W.M.U. of Cuba and Argentina-Uruguay
Then He opened their eyes that they might understand.—*Luke 24:45*

12—SUNDAY

Pray that the zeal and spirit of our pioneers in home missions may be given to us; also pray for May meetings in St. Louis, Missouri, in week beginning May 11.
Our help is in the name of Jehovah.—*Psa. 124:8*

13—MONDAY

Pray for Rev. and †Mrs. R. A. Pryor, workers among Navajo Indians, Farmington, New Mexico.
The fear of Jehovah tendeth to life.—*Prov. 19:23*

14—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. John Mein (on furlough), educational work, Pernambuco, Brazil; and for John Gordon, David and William Carey Mein, Margaret Fund students
To the man that pleaseth Him God giveth wisdom.—*Ecc. 2:26*

15—WEDNESDAY

For Misses †Pearl Caldwell (on furlough) and †Bonnie Ray, evangelistic work, Pingtu, China
Ye shall receive power.—*Acts 1:8*

†Attended W.M.U. Training School
*Attended Southwestern Training School

Calendar of Prayer

April, 1936

THIS is no surer or swifter means of accomplishing our Lord's command—to give the Gospel to every creature—than to enlighten and Christianize and sanctify the hearts of our own people, so that they shall write upon everything consumed at home and everything sent abroad. "Holiness to the Lord".—*Isaac Taylor Tichenor*

Capit: Pioneers of the Kingdom

16—THURSDAY

Pray for Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Allen, evangelistic work, Bello Horizonte, Brazil.
He that loveth his life for My sake shall find it.—Matt. 10:39

17—FRIDAY

For Miss Lora Clement, evangelistic work, Kong Moon, China, and for Miss E. E. Rea, missionary emerita from China
Jehovah . . . forsaketh not His saints.—Ps. 37:28

18—SATURDAY

For Mrs. Dan. Hurley, educational work, Bucharest, Rumania
Trust in Jehovah with all thy heart.—Prov. 3:5

19—SUNDAY

Pray that the sacrificial spirit of our pioneers in foreign missions may animate southern Baptists; also pray for May meetings in St. Louis, Missouri, in week beginning May 11.
Offer the sacrifices of righteousness.—Ps. 4:5

20—MONDAY

Pray for Miss Margie Shumate and Miss Auris Pender, evangelistic work, Shiu Hing, China.
Thou art My servant; I have chosen thee.—Isa. 41:9

21—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Benson, Mexican Baptist Publishing House, El Paso, Texas
Unto Thee, O my strength, will I sing praises.—Ps. 59:17

22—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. E. O. Mills, evangelistic work, Nagasaki, Japan
Strengthen ye the weak hands.—Isa. 35:3

23—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Tumblin (on furlough), evangelistic work, Jaguacara, Brazil
Holding forth the Word of life.—Phil. 2:16

24—FRIDAY

For Miss Reba Stewart (on furlough), educational work, Kweilin, China
There is no want to them that fear Him.—Ps. 34:9

25—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. O. P. Maddox, evangelistic work, Bello Horizonte, Brazil, and for Daniel and Samuel Maddox, Margaret Fund students
God is my high tower.—Ps. 59:17

26—SUNDAY

For annual sessions of S.B.C. and W.M.U. auxiliary to S.B.C., St. Louis, Missouri, in week beginning May 11
Look on the fields.—John 4:35

27—MONDAY

For commencement exercises of W.M.U. Training School, Louisville, Kentucky
I thank my God upon every remembrance of you.—Phil. 1:3

28—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Lowe (on furlough), evangelistic work, Tsingtao, China
He that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father.—John 14:21

29—WEDNESDAY

For Miss Minnie Landrum, W.M.U. worker, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
He will never suffer the righteous to be moved.—Ps. 55:22

30—THURSDAY

For Mrs. R. E. Chambers, educational work, University of Shanghai, China
None of us liveth unto Himself.—Rom. 14:7

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²Attended Southwestern Training School
³Attended Baptist Bible Institute

FAMILY ALTAR

Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

TOPIC: "The MUSTARD SEED"—Matt. 13:31, 32

"THE Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it is grown it is the largest of plants and grows into a tree, so that the wild birds come and roost in its branches".—*Goodspeed's Translation, Matt. 13:31, 32*

"Behold, I Have Taught You"

1st Day—Deut. 4:5-14
2nd Day—Deut. 29:29; 31:12, 18
3rd Day—I Chron. 16:16
4th Day—Ps. 19:7-11
5th Day—Ps. 119:9-24
6th Day—Isa. 2:3; 8:16, 20
7th Day—Rev. 22:18, 19

"Precept upon Precept"

15th Day—Isa. 28:9-14
16th Day—Ps. 119:1-11
17th Day—Ex. 20:3, 7, 8, 12
18th Day—Matt. 5:16, 43-48
19th Day—Matt. 6:19-21, 33; 7:1, 2
20th Day—Mark 9:36; 11:22; 12:7; 13:33
21st Day—Rev. 22:18, 19

"That They Might Understand"

8th Day—Luke 16:17; 24:32, 45
9th Day—Rom. 12:2; 16:26
10th Day—I Thess. 4:1
11th Day—Heb. 2:1-3
12th Day—Jas. 1:18-25
13th Day—Jude 3, 17
14th Day—Rev. 22:18, 19

"This Gospel of the Kingdom"

22nd Day—Matt. 24:15
23rd Day—Mark 16:15, 16
24th Day—Luke 14:16-24
25th Day—Rom. 10:13
26th Day—Gal. 3:8, 13, 14, 21, 26-28
27th Day—Eph. 1:9-11
28th Day—Eph. 2:1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 14, 15, 17
29th Day—Eph. 3:6, 9; 5:14
30th Day—Rev. 22:18, 19

"Pray Ye"

Humly give thanks for the atonement through Jesus Christ.

Ask forgiveness for sin that "crucifies the Son of God afresh".

Give thanks for the hope set before Christians because "Christ is risen from the dead".

Praise God that Jesus "ever liveth to make intercession".

Pray for evangelicals, especially in papal lands, this Easter month.

Intercede for persecuted European Christians, especially in Rumania and Russia.

Ask God's guidance for all missionaries and for mission secretaries.

Pray that every gift to the Annie W. Armstrong Offering for Home Missions may be faithfully forwarded and that the goal of \$105,000 may be exceeded.

Intercede for those in charge of the plans and programs for the S.B.C. and W.M.U. annual meetings in St. Louis in May. (See pages 7 and 36.)

PROGRAM PLANS

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

There are times when there seems no need of this department of Program Plans. When the Program Committee reads the material given for the April meeting, it will be seen that it is too complete to be changed in any way. (Pages 23-31)

Three sketches of pioneer workers in three lines of missions will be found. As they appear in the program material they are Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, a Pioneer of the W.M.U.; Dr. I. T. Tichenor, a Pioneer of Home Missions; and Dr. R. H. Graves, a Pioneer of Foreign Missions.

Each of these sketches is complete in itself and may be used in the missionary society program exactly as given. Three women may be chosen to tell the life stories of these pioneer leaders of three branches of mission work. Of course if the ones who take these parts tell the stories instead of reading them, the interest and attention of the women will be more easily held.

At the close of the sketch of Miss Heck, the leader should explain that the hymn, "Come Women, Wide Proclaim", was written by Miss Heck. She said that no distinctive woman's hymn had ever been written. This one formed itself in her heart and mind and was written on the train as she returned home from a meeting of the W.M.U. Executive Committee in Baltimore. It is now found in many hymn books.

If your missionary society prefers a talk by one woman, it will be possible to unite the three stories of these great Baptist leaders by using some plan similar to the following:

First explain that the lives of three great pioneer Baptists are to be told. Their work was separated by years and by thousands of miles. Yet they united in building the great structure of missions as it stands today, reaching around the world.

The story starts in Kentucky, one of our strongest Baptist states, where our Theological Seminary and W.M.U. Training School are now located. Here on November 11, 1825,

Isaac Taylor Tichenor was born. (Tell the story of Dr. Tichenor up to the paragraph "Pastor and Teacher", page 26.)

Now turn to the story of Dr. Graves. Introduce it by saying that when Dr. Tichenor was ten years of age a baby boy was born in Baltimore. Tell Dr. Graves' story to the time he sailed for China, 1856. (Page 28)

The meeting of these two men at some Southern Baptist Convention may easily be imagined. Dr. Tichenor was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Montgomery, Alabama, when Dr. Graves sailed for China. Knowing the splendid missionary spirit of this church, we may well suppose that help went from it to support this young missionary.

A few years later finds Dr. Tichenor an army chaplain among the Confederate troops. In these terrible years, southern families were moving from point to point to secure greater safety. Among those thus in exile was the family of Col. J. M. Heck. His wife with one small daughter and other relatives took refuge at Buffalo Lithia Springs, Virginia. Here on June 16, 1862, was born a beautiful, brown eyed baby. Her name was significant: Fannie, for a devoted aunt; Exile, because of the family's forced situation. Later the name Scudder was added because of kinship with the Scudder family, famous in missionary history.

The speaker may tell the story of Miss Heck's life. To connect the three biographies, the sketch of Dr. Graves should be completed. He and Miss Heck corresponded and joined hands across the world in building up foreign missions. Also in finishing the story of Dr. Tichenor tell of the cooperation of the Woman's Missionary Union and of its president, Miss Heck, in all home mission plans. These three stories form a great triangle—the W.M.U., Home Missions and Foreign Missions. A plea that the spirit of these pioneer leaders may live in the lives of future generations may close the program.

If there are women in the society who knew any of these three great leaders, they may be asked to write out any "I remember" and send it to W.M.U. Office at 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala. Such "contributions" will be most valuable

PROGRAM for APRIL

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. Creaman, Tennessee

THEME for YEAR: Thy Kingdom Come

TOPIC for MONTH: PIONEERS of the KINGDOM

Hymn—"Come Thou Almighty King"
Bible Study—The Mustard Seed—*Matthew 13:31, 32*
Prayer thanking God for the growth of the Kingdom
Hymn—"The Kingdom Is Coming"
Pioneers—Introductory Talk by Leader
Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, a Pioneer of the W.M.U.
Hymn—"Come Women Wide Proclaim"
Dr. I. T. Tichenor, a Pioneer of Home Missions
Prayer for all home mission work
Dr. R. H. Graves, a Pioneer of Foreign Missions
Prayer for all foreign mission work
The Pioneer Spirit
Closing prayer that we may have the spirit to dare and to do for the Kingdom of Christ

—Hymn—"Ready"

PIONEERS

We love the stories of pioneers. We enjoy thinking about those who did first those things which because of their greatness have become permanent activities. We like to repeat the stories of those who blazed trails which have since become highways of worthy endeavor. The daring of pioneers thrills us, their endurance amazes us, their spirit inspires us. We desire to emulate them, not only by carrying on the work which they started but by venturing into new fields, by enduring new hardships and by achieving something which shall continue when we have passed away.

The history of missions furnishes many thrilling stories of pioneers. Nothing has so much power to arouse the

pioneer spirit in individuals as Christianity. Pioneering for Jesus is the greatest of all pioneering because its impulse is divine, because its aims are sublime and because its achievements are eternal.

We are studying in this program the lives of three great southern Baptist pioneers: one a pioneer in W.M.U. work, one a pioneer of home missions and the other a pioneer of foreign missions. May these stories inspire us to make our lives sublime in Kingdom service.

MISS FANNIE E. S. HECK

A Pioneer of the W.M.U.

A Child of the South—Miss Fannie E. S. Heck was a child of the south, born in one southern state, reared in another, living in an aristocratic southern home, educated in southern schools, serving in a great southern organiza-

tion, buried in southern soil and loved and honored by great throngs of southern women. She was born at Lithia Springs, Virginia, on June 16, 1862. At that time the Old South was being racked and ravaged by the terrible Civil War. Her father was a colonel in the Confederate Army; her mother, at the time of her birth, was away from home, seeking a place of safety while her husband was at the battle front. This exiled mother named her baby Fannie Exile, the Exile in the name to perpetuate the memory of the trying experience through which she and other southern women were passing. At the close of the war Colonel Heck was sent to Raleigh, North Carolina, on a mission for the Confederacy. So attracted was he by the climate and beauty of this little city that he decided to make it his permanent home. So there amid the towering oaks and fragrant flowers, in a lovely mansion erected by Colonel Heck lived the Heck family—father, mother and ten children, of whom Fannie was next to the oldest.

Miss Heck's life was that of the typical aristocratic southern girl of the period. She was educated at a seminary in Raleigh and Hollins Institute in Virginia. "When her education was complete she took her place in the home circle as her father's cherished companion, her mother's able assistant and the beloved confidant and playmate of her brothers and sisters. In every illness she was the efficient nurse, in every crisis the wise counselor, in every emergency the calm and capable leader. Her love of literature and appreciation of nature enriched her life and that of those about her". It was not until she was seventeen that she surrendered her life to Christ and joined the First Baptist Church of Raleigh. At once she became active in the work of the church, teaching a large class of young men and helping with other religious activities of her church and of the city.

A W.M.U. Pioneer—Miss Heck's W.M.U. work began even before the organization of the southern Union for

when the Woman's Central Committee of the Baptist Denomination in North Carolina was organized in 1886, she became its president, a position that she held until her death. Then, when in the basement of a Methodist church in Richmond the W.M.U. of the south was organized in 1888, Miss Heck was there, a young woman, twenty-six years of age, all thrilled with the significance and possibilities of the new organization. Doubtless she dreamed that day of devoting her young life to the cause of the Kingdom, but she could not have realized how closely she was to be connected with the new organization and how marvelous would be her contribution to its activities and its success.

In 1892 Miss Heck became president of the W.M.U. She held this position at three different times, covering a period of fifteen years. She gave to this work a brilliance of intellect, a charm of personality, a wisdom of judgment, an unsurpassed executive ability, a sublime faith, an undimmed vision and a noble optimism that refused to believe that any task was too hard to be attempted or any goal too high for her beloved Union to reach. Mrs. Julian P. Thomas writing of her work as president said: "The Union became her very life. Home, family, friends were near and dear, but the Union was something closer, nearer, more intimate, bone of her bone, flesh of her flesh. Truly did she give to it all the care, love and devotion a mother gives to the one beloved child. She carefully planned its future; she guarded it against all destructive tendencies; she threw around it every influence that could help it grow into the ideal she held for it".

Miss Heck was in truth a pioneer, venturing into unknown paths, starting new things. The W.M.U. Training School, the Margaret Fund, the Y.W.A., the G.A., the R.A., the Department of Personal Service, "Our Mission Fields" (afterwards growing into "Royal Service") are among the things started by Miss Heck which continue until today

and on which the great structure of our W.M.U. work is built.

This child of the south won distinction beyond her own beloved southland. In 1907 she presided over the union meeting of the women of the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions which met at the Jamestown Exposition. At the Baptist World Alliance which met at Philadelphia in 1911 she represented the Baptist women of America, delivering a notable address. She was also vice president of the Southern Sociological Congress.

Miss Heck was a prolific writer. She wrote many magazine articles, tracts, poems and a few books. Her best known leaflets are "My Father's House" and "The Entrusted Letter". Her greatest contribution to missionary literature was the book, "In Royal Service", in which she told, in a delightfully interesting and instructive style, the history of the W.M.U. "Had she made no other contribution to our Union this would make her the most royal giver of all those who have brought alabaster boxes of precious ointment to pour out in its service".

The Blue Sky Room—The last year of Miss Heck's life was spent in a hospital in Richmond, Virginia. The room where she lay became known as the Blue Sky Room, not just because her bed was so placed that she could look up to the blue sky but more because she, herself, was like a ray of sunshine out of the blue sky. All doctors, nurses and patients in the hospital visited that

room to find courage, strength and cheer, and from all over the Southern Baptist Convention the hearts of the women of the W.M.U. turned toward that room to be encouraged and inspired by the blue sky spirit of the woman who lay there. Her body was wasting away, but her mind was still active. In the wee hours of the night when pain kept her awake she thought beautiful thoughts and, in the morning, wrote them down or dictated them to others. In this manner were written the W.M.U. Year Book for 1915-16, four organization leaflets and several books of beautiful poems and stories. Perhaps the most beautiful words that ever came from her heart were those in her last message to the Union. We remember how she described the throng of women going with her down to the banks of a great river—the River of Death. Then after watching her across in company with One on whom she leaned, the throng of women turned back to their homes, back to their work for the Kingdom, asking themselves serious heart-searching questions about their lives and that great work. After this beautiful and impressive picture of her approaching death she gave to that throng of women, even then on the river's edge with her, some parting instructions to help them as they returned to continue the work of the Kingdom. We quote these sentences which have challenged us through the years to keep faith with her who did so much for the work we too love with our heart's best devotion:

- "See to it that you listen to His voice and follow where Christ leads".
- "Be gentle in your personal lives, faithful and shining".
- "Be joyful, knowing His purposes are good, not evil, to His children".
- "Be prayerful in your planning".
- "Be patient and persistent in your fulfillment".
- "Endeavor to see the needs from God's standpoint".
- "Plan not for the year, but for the years".
- "Think long thoughts".
- "Strive for the conversion of those around you as faithfully as for the heathen".
- "Train the children for world-wide service".
- "Lead the young women gently into places of joyous responsibility".
- "Bring all your powers into the best service of the best King".

When she realized that death was near Miss Heck desired to go home, so she was moved from Richmond to Raleigh, where she spent the last few

weeks of her life radiantly happy among the oaks and flowers and the old acquaintances so dear to her heart. Then on August 25, 1915, she quietly passed away, even as in one of her poems she had prayed:

Lord, grant me, if Thou wilt,
To slip away
As slips the night
Into the dawning gray,
So soft
That e'en the watchers watching
Cannot say:
"Here ends the night
And here begins the day",
But only know
The night's Thy night,
The day, Thy day.

"The Lady of the Blue Sky Room" went far away into the Great Blue of God's Sky, but the sunshine of her life remained to brighten future generations with its cheer. The great pioneer of W.M.U. work was gone, but her spirit remained to inspire other women to attempt the impossible for the King. The Child of the South became the Child of Heaven, but the south and whole world today is better because she lived.

DR. I. T. TICHENOR

A Pioneer of Home Missions

A Child of Kentucky—In 1825, ten years before the Shucks went to China, and almost forty years before Fannie E. S. Heck first opened her eyes in Virginia, there was born in Kentucky a child destined to become a great pioneer of home missions. This was Isaac Taylor Tichenor, born on November the 11th in Spencer County, Kentucky. In a quiet Christian home of the Kentucky country side this boy grew up. He learned his first lessons from life around him—the flowers, the trees, the sky, the brook were the pages of his nature primer, filled with interesting and instructive lessons. When only four years old he was sent to the little district school of the neighborhood and there took his first step in public life, reciting before the other pupils the following poem:

"The world is round and like a ball
Seen swinging in the air,
The sky extends around it all,
And stars are shining there.
Water and land upon the face
Of this great globe we see,
The land is man's safe dwelling place,
And ships sail on the sea".

Little did those, who heard him, dream of what an important place he would fill on this round ball.

At the age of eleven young Tichenor confessed Christ but was withheld from church membership for two years, at the end of which time he was baptized by Elder William Vaughn into the fellowship of Bloomfield Church. Only one other person was baptized at the same time — a young woman who weighed over 300 pounds. Her unusual size attracted to the scene a great crowd of people, and little attention was given to the baptism of this small boy. So do foolish people fail in their evaluation of important events.

When Isaac was fifteen he entered high school at Taylorsville and for two years did splendid student work. Then a severe illness broke into his school life. He gradually regained his health and at the age of nineteen was able to teach in a neighboring school. At twenty he became assistant at the Taylorsville Academy and three years later was its principal. While teaching at Taylorsville one day he was suddenly called on to take his pastor's place in the pulpit. At first he refused but, when urged, finally consented and spoke twenty-five minutes on "Search the Scriptures". This was his first sermon and it made such an impression that he was licensed to preach. He was in frequent demand as a speaker and became known as the "boy orator" of Kentucky. He was called to the pastorate of East Baptist Church of Louisville, but declined on account of ill health, and instead accepted an appointment from the Indian Mission Association of Louisville, to work among the Choctaws and Creeks in Mississippi. The work of this association was afterwards transferred to the

Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"It is not without significance that the first service Dr. Tichenor rendered his denomination, when he was yet little more than a lad, afterwards became a part of the work of the great Board to which he gave the last and longest segment of his life".

Pastor and Teacher—Dr. Tichenor's first pastorate was at Columbus, Mississippi. While there, in 1849, he attended his first Southern Baptist Convention, which was the third session of that body. The trip brought to him many thrills. He had his first ride on a railroad train. He made his first contact with many of the leading spirits of the Southern Baptist Convention. And he was invited to speak before the Convention on Sunday night. He spoke with such power that his reputation in the Convention was established—and he was only twenty-four years of age!

From 1851 to 1868 Dr. Tichenor was pastor of the First Church of Montgomery, Alabama, this period interrupted by two years of service as chaplain in the Confederate Army. At the battle of Shiloh, when his regiment was wavering and panic stricken, he rushed to the front to rally the men. He was wounded in this battle but received little comfort from his general who reminded him that if he had been at the rear attending to his proper duties he would not have been hurt. On leaving Montgomery he spent several years on his plantation in Alabama; one year as pastor of the First Church, Memphis, Tennessee; then for ten years was president of the Technological College of Alabama. This position offered great opportunities for the study of the agricultural, mineral and manufacturing conditions of the south and therefore was splendid preparation for his future work in home missions.

This was a period of great poverty and peril for southern Baptists. It seemed for a time that they would be compelled to reunite with the Northern Baptist Convention. Dr. Tichenor was

among those who took a firm stand for separate conventions and helped to carry southern Baptists through this dark period which came to a crisis in 1879.

A Pioneer of Home Missions—Dr. Tichenor's greatest work was as a pioneer of home missions. With the Southern Baptist Convention now well established in 1882 the Home Board was moved from Marion, Alabama, to Atlanta, Georgia, and Dr. Tichenor was chosen as its secretary. "To this great task he devoted the full maturities of his power, and this last segment of his life, spanning a period of nearly twenty years, must be recognized as his highest contribution to the times in which he lived". Some of the most important of our departments of home missions were initiated under his administration, and many of our policies of home mission work today are following paths which he first laid out. He said: "Let us not forget our obligations to the country in which we live. . . . This is our Baptist Canaan into which the Lord has led us. Let us fill it with the purity of His truth and on its every hill and valley writing, 'Holiness to the Lord,' send forth from it swarming myriads who shall conquer the world for Christ".

Dr. Tichenor saved the great southwest for southern Baptists. There was danger at this time that Texas would be taken over by northern Baptists. Dr. Tichenor began at once sending missionaries to this great state. At one time, when the Home Board had a total of 185 missionaries, 131 were at work west of the Mississippi, and 81 of these were in Texas. He saw a vision of Texas as a leading Baptist state of the south, a vision which has become a glorious reality.

Dr. Tichenor led in the beginning of our mountain school work and in the beginning of our work in Cuba. He was also a pioneer in the publishing work of southern Baptists. When he became secretary the only southern Baptist publication was a story paper—"Kind Words". For about nine years his Board published this paper and con-

ducted what publishing work was done by southern Baptists, until in 1891 the Sunday School Board was established. This did not come about without a fight, for many leading southern Baptists thought it wisest to continue the plan of getting all literature from the American Baptist Publication Society. But Dr. Tichenor took a firm stand that southern Baptists should publish their own literature and rejoiced greatly when the Sunday School Board was finally established. "Dr. Tichenor never failed, during his entire life, to give this enterprise his support in public and private".

It is impossible in this brief sketch to tell all that Dr. Tichenor did for home missions. He has been called the "Home Mission Statesman", and surely he was that. His vision of the home mission task was broad, and to his wise planning and faithful foundation building is due in large measure the success of our home mission work through the years.

In the eighteenth year of his service as secretary and the seventy-fourth year of his age, he retired from the chief responsibility of the home mission work. It was at the Convention at Hot Springs, Arkansas, in 1900 that he gave up the work. It is said that in this meeting he received an ovation such as had never been accorded any other man in southern Baptist history. A handsome victory vase of solid silver was presented to him, and many gracious and grateful words were spoken of his years of service. Then, only two years after his retirement, he passed away. But "He being dead, yet speaketh". He speaks through our great home mission work of today, built largely on the foundations he laid. And he speaks through the Tichenor Memorial Fund, established by the Woman's Missionary Union to help weak churches erect houses of worship. Today, over the southland, on hill tops, in valleys, on quiet village lanes, on busy city streets, are church buildings made possible by this fund, given in memory of Dr. I. T. Tichenor, the great pioneer of home missions.

DR. R. H. GRAVES

A Pioneer of Foreign Missions

A Missionary Mother—Pioneer mothers make pioneer sons. Missionary mothers make missionary sons. A hundred years ago, and more, there lived in Baltimore Mrs. Ann J. Graves, a missionary pioneer mother. She was among those women who first dreamed of a southwide organization of women for missionary work. She helped to organize the first "Female Missionary Society" in Baltimore. She was the one who called together the first group of southern Baptist women to consider organizing a southern Union. But we have not started to tell the story of Mrs. Graves, but rather that of her illustrious son—Dr. Roswell H. Graves. On May 29, 1833, there came to Mrs. Graves a wee baby boy. We remember that this was just two years before the Shucks went to China. Knowing the fervor for missions afterwards demonstrated by Mrs. Graves, we can easily believe that when those first missionaries sailed away to China she hugged her two year old boy close to her heart and dreamed and prayed that he might be a part of the great missionary movement. This son grew up in Baltimore and at the age of fifteen—on October 15, 1848—was baptized into the Seventh Baptist Church of that city. Fourteen years later he sailed for China, arriving in Canton on August 14, 1856. Dr. Graves went to China to become a great pioneer missionary. His mother stayed in Baltimore to become a great pioneer in the organization of women for the support of missionary work. Who would say which did the greater work? But let's get back to our story.

Fifty-Six Years in China—Dr. Graves gave fifty-six years of service in China. Miss Mary Alexander, in "Seed-time and Harvest", gives the following summary of his work—"By faith Roswell Hobart Graves . . . for fifty-six years wrought mightily in the South China Mission. By faith, despite wars at home and abroad, despite insufficient support, despite loss of friends, co-

workers and loved ones, Dr. Graves pressed his work 'with characteristic fidelity and great success' in Canton and into the regions beyond, having in less than a decade opened work in Shiu Hing and in Wuchow. By faith Dr. Graves conducted dispensaries in both of these places. By faith he also preached the Gospel and taught the converts, believing that the future of mission work in China depended largely on the Chinese themselves".

Southern Baptists have perhaps never had a more versatile missionary than Dr. Graves. As preacher, teacher, physician and writer he pioneered in the four lines of work which are used most effectively on foreign fields today. He was for nearly fifty years pastor and assistant pastor of the First Baptist Church, Canton. Almost from the beginning of his career he saw the need of schools, and he established the oldest existing Baptist school in South China—the Seminary which bears his name. For the first twenty years of the life of this school it was without material equipment. A room in the Graves house was the class room and students provided their own living quarters; and Dr. Graves was the only member of the faculty. On the fiftieth anniversary of his service in China the Foreign Mission Board appropriated five thousand dollars gold for the erection of a new building and the school was named the Graves Theological Seminary. Dr. Graves remained the president of the institution until the time of his death. Practically all the pastors and evangelists of the South China Mission were trained in this school.

While Dr. Graves' main work was that of a minister of the Gospel and teacher in the Seminary he was also an M.D. and for the first twenty-five years of his life in China did much medical work. His entrance into the Shiu Hing field was made possible by his medical work. The elders of that city were determined that no "foreign devil" should live there. But Dr. Graves managed to secure a place for a dispensary, slipped

into the city after nightfall and the next morning was ready to begin his medical work. "What the consternation and the surprise of the people were a little later to find the foreigner actually installed and living in their midst can better be imagined than described. To rise up and drive him out was their first impulse; but finally they decided to wait a bit and see just what this queer 'foreign devil' who had outwitted them would do; for of course he could be driven out any time. His Christ-like spirit and his medicines and his medical skill won the day for the cause of Christ in Shiu Hing, and the Gospel was there to stay". He afterward also established a dispensary in Wuchow and in one year in the two places he gave treatment to seven thousand patients.

Dr. Graves had great faith in the power of the printed page and soon after his arrival in China began his literary work, preparing many Christian tracts and books. He had much to do with the organization of the China Baptist Publication Society. He mastered the Chinese language so thoroughly that for years he was one of a small committee chosen by the great Bible Societies for the translation and revision of the Scriptures.

In 1864 Dr. Graves and his wife tried a new experiment—they employed a Chinese Bible woman to read and distribute the Word of God among the Chinese. This first Bible woman was supported largely by the savings Mrs. Graves was able to make from her table expenses. This policy of having Bible women continues to this day and has borne much fruit in the extension of the Kingdom. One writing of this work says: "Bible women's work is sometimes evangelistic and sometimes educational, but always most necessary and helpful. When the records of the conquest of China for Christ are fully known, this line of work will certainly have revealed its portion of the glorious triumphs, not noised so much on earth, but praised more in Heaven. Bible women's work is fundamental". It was

for the support of Bible women that Dr. Graves' mother first organized the Female Missionary Society of Baltimore. So did the love of a great cause span the ocean and bring women's hearts together for the extension of the Kingdom.

A Great Passing—On July 3rd, 1912, Dr. Graves passed out of this life. Although eighty years of age and in poor health he had refused to leave his work, so it was in Canton that he died and was buried. He suffered much pain for five weeks and then passed away "as gently as a child falling asleep in his mother's arms". Of his funeral it was said: "There has probably never been seen a larger concourse at the funeral of any foreigner than that which gathered around the grave of Dr. Graves". More than three hundred Baptist students marched in a body the three miles to the hill side burying ground. Fitting tributes were paid to his life, not only by missionaries but also by native leaders. So did the Chinese show their regard for one who had endured the hardships of the pioneer to give them the message of Jesus.

Dr. Graves was married three times: first to Mrs. Gilliard, widow of a missionary, second to Miss Norris of Baltimore, and third to Mrs. Janie Lowrey Sanford of Blue Mountain, Mississippi. He had only one son. After his death Mrs. Janie Lowrey Graves continued to live in China and wrought mightily in Kingdom work. Although over eighty years of age and blind, only last year did she consent to leave her beloved work to come home for a much needed rest. How wonderfully satisfying must be her memories as she thinks of her own and her beloved husband's work as pioneers for Jesus!

The PIONEER SPIRIT

Woman of Today (*Sitting with April "Royal Service" in her hand*)—I enjoy reading about the great missionary pioneers; and yet I find much that is discouraging in their stories. They make me want to be a pioneer myself but I

know it is impossible. I was born at least fifty years too late for that. There are no new and daring things for me to do. All the mission fields are already occupied. All the work is already organized. There is not a thing for me to start. There is no new place for me to go. All that is left for me is to plod along, doing ordinary tasks. I can never be a pioneer and do wonderful, new and adventurous things.

(The Pioneer Spirit enters, dressed in a white Grecian robe, carrying a shield on which are the words Pioneer Spirit.)

The Pioneer Spirit—I am the Pioneer Spirit. I come to tell you that you can still do courageous things. You can put the pioneer spirit into those tasks which you call ordinary. Indeed, there are no ordinary tasks in the Kingdom of God, but every task is a great one and calls for courageous deeds from courageous hearts. Did I hear you say that there are no new things for you to do? In that, too, you are mistaken. The Intermediate Royal Ambassadors of your church have no leader. It would be a new adventure for you to take those boys and lead them into Kingdom service. To be sure there would be difficulties in the way and you would have to make some sacrifices, but those things are the experiences of all who pioneer for Jesus. Not far away is a little country church which has no Woman's Missionary Society. You would be doing a new and daring thing to go out there and organize those women for Kingdom work, and you would probably find that that task, too, required a pioneer spirit of courage and sacrifice. Are you a tither? If not, why not make an adventure in tithing? It will be a new path for your life. You will need a daring spirit to travel it, but wonderful achievements lie all along the way. Have you ever led a soul to Christ? If not, that is something else new for you to do, something requiring a pioneer spirit. These and many other things may be done by you, O Woman of Today, if only your spirit is brave and

sacrificial enough to attempt them. The pioneer spirit is not necessarily doing something which has never been done before, but it is the determination to overcome any difficulty and make any sacrifice that new adventures may be made in Kingdom service. *(The Pioneer Spirit goes out.)*
Woman of Today (*In attitude of prayer*)—

Lord, give me the pioneer spirit,
The spirit to dare and to do,
The spirit to venture on great Kingdom tasks,
The spirit to carry them through.

Lord, give me the pioneer spirit,
The spirit that never knows fear,
Call me to tasks that require a brave heart,
And make me a real pioneer.

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Tell something of the early life of Miss Fannie E. S. Heck.
2. Tell of Miss Heck's pioneer W.M.U. work.
3. Mention some of the literary achievements of Miss Heck.
4. Tell of the last year of Miss Heck's life.
5. What in your opinion was Miss Heck's greatest achievement?
6. Tell something of Dr. I. T. Tichenor's early life.
7. Mention some of Dr. Tichenor's achievements as a home mission pioneer.
8. What is the Tichenor Memorial Fund?
9. What pioneer missionary work did the mother of Dr. R. H. Graves do?
10. Mention four lines of missionary work in which Dr. Graves was a pioneer.
11. In your opinion what was Dr. Graves' greatest work in China?
12. How may we in our W.M.U. work emulate the spirit of the pioneers?

REFERENCE MATERIAL

The Window of Y.W.A. Home and Foreign Fields In Royal Service	— World Comrades — State Denomination Papers Fannie E. S. Heck
Sunrise and Other Poems	Fannie E. S. Heck
Decade of W.M.U. Service 1913-1923	Margaret McRae Lackey
Isaac Taylor Tichenor	J. S. Dill
Seedtime and Harvest	Mary C. Alexander



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OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



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FIFTY YEARS YOUNG



Sunny springtime speaks of the renewal of life which childhood constantly brings into the stream of history. In this year of 1936 Women's Missionary Societies will surely be alert to the importance of giving missionary education to our children of years six to nine. February *World Comrades* contained many suggestions for celebrating this Fiftieth Anniversary of the organization of Sunbeam Bands; did you use them? Here is an account of one associational leader. Mrs. W. C. Drake, who has already had a Sunbeam anniversary celebration. May it not stimulate other leaders to similar occasions?

SUNBEAM BANDS' BIRTHDAY PARTY

THE Sunbeam Bands of the Madison-Liberty Association in Alabama met at the Huntsville First Church on January 25 for a Birthday Party in connection with the quarterly rally program of the other young people's missionary education organizations. The Sunbeams enjoyed a program, after which they gathered in the basement for the birthday celebration of the Sunbeams' Fiftieth Anniversary. A beautiful cake holding fifty small candles held first place in the middle of the lovely table.

The strange thing to the Sunbeams was that they, being only six to nine years of age, could enjoy a Fiftieth Anniversary. However, they were glad to have the honor of belonging to an organization that had been giving missionary education to children for fifty years. The party and program were most helpful in our Sunbeam work.—Mrs. W. C. Drake, Alabama

Many societies will need to organize Sunbeam Bands this year. Why not do it this very month? Write to your state young people's leader for suggestions and necessary material, gather the eager children and begin. In securing a leader to be ready for this responsibility do not present it as a trivial matter or an easy task. Worthwhile leaders will want tasks worthy of their best efforts, that will keep them on the alert mentally and draw heavily on their spiritual strength, thereby developing them as His servants. A woman who has had only limited interest may grow largely through such leadership. Or a young woman from the Y.W.A. may have her life task clearly visioned to her in such a task as in the case of Miss Sallie Priest, who made such a remarkable contribution to mission work in China.

GOD'S CALL through MY SUNBEAM BAND

THE day was a beautiful one. The sun beamed through the stained glass windows, making a beautiful light on the heads of the living Sunbeams. There were that day about sixteen little girls and boys gathered to learn about how the story of God's love was being told all over the world.

There was hanging on the wall a map of the world. The map had the places where southern Baptists had chapels, hospitals and schools. The part of the program the children loved best was when pictures of missionaries in the chapels, hospitals and schools were pinned on the map. On this particular afternoon, the teacher gave a little girl the picture of Miss Julia McKenzie. As the little girl walked proudly back to her seat after putting the picture in the right place, the leader said to her: "And perhaps some day when you are old enough, you will be the missionary teacher in that school!". Then came the surprise of the leader's life. Back into her own heart the thought went in different form—this time a question—"What's the matter with you? You are certainly old enough". Startled, amazed and dismayed, the Sunbeam leader went home. The question repeated itself over and over in her heart and mind.

In November, 1906, the teacher went to China to be a missionary teacher.—Miss Sallie Priest, Formerly Missionary to China

How great may be the future for your Sunbeam Band or from the deepened interest of your Sunbeam Band leader? No one can tell. But the assurance of springtime says: "Sow your seed; harvest will come". Do not fail to have a Sunbeam Band during 1936—make it an A-1 Band if already organized. Or get started toward being A-1 next year by organizing now.



COLLEGE Y.W.A.



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

VACATION AHEAD



April's sun and showers are promise of the summer days of June and July, so swiftly approaching. In Ann Hasseltine Y.W.A. circles the counselor and Officers' Council should be forecasting plans to make the vacation days, which are ahead, valuable ones.

The "My Promise to Share" pledges will be secured again this spring. The plan begun a year ago has gained momentum by proving its worth. In some states cards are supplied to the Y.W.A. membership through the state headquarters; in others, college girls will prepare their own copies according to the model of wording in the April number of *The Window of Y.W.A.* See which must be done in your case.

Let those young women who did summer work in missionary education last year, in their own or neighboring churches, tell about the joys of their experiences, by way of provoking others to similar good works. Be sure, as counselor, to send the signed cards to your state W.M.U. young people's leader that she may distribute them to the home church or association so that the young women will be called on for service without loss of time. Earnest heart-

ed young women are truly eager to share when given a worthy opportunity. Let W.M.U. leaders be quick to use them.

Besides the attention claimed by this movement of "My Promise to Share" give much prominence in Ann Hasseltine, Grace McBride and local Y.W.A.'s, to preparation for attendance upon the Y.W.A. Camp at Ridgecrest, N. C. Investment of ten days there has wrought eternal changes in the lives of many young women over our southland; be sure your Y.W.A. shares in these mountain-top privileges. The dates are June 23 to July 3, the program beginning Tuesday night and continuing through Thursday night. Miss Pearle Bourne will be director at Camp, and a gathering of rare personalities is well in hand. Dr. H. E. Dana of Southwestern Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, has accepted our urgent invitation to bring the morning messages. Mrs. W. J. Cox will be the chief vesper speaker. Other announcements will be made in due time but these, coupled with the customary expectation of the presence of W.M.U. president and corresponding secretary, are sufficient guarantee of a ten days fraught with helpfulness.

One young woman a year after her Ridgecrest Y.W.A. Camp experiences wrote from the midst of common temptations, "I know the story of my life would read quite differently if I did not have the mountain-top experiences received at Ridgecrest Y.W.A. Camp". What will be the value of Y.W.A. Camp to young women you can help influence to attend? No one can know, but experience proves there will be priceless dividends. In vacation days ahead lead Y.W.A.'s to serve somewhere in missionary education leadership, and send them to Y.W.A. Camp at Ridgecrest, N. C.

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Write your state W.M.U. young people's leader

Theme: "Breaking Down Barriers to the Gospel"

—Henrietta Hall Shuck

CURRENT MISSIONARY EVENTS

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

Because the W.M.U. of the Southern Baptist Convention is beginning to plan for the celebration of its Golden Jubilee and because the thought of pioneers and pioneer work is prominent in our thinking the following items should be of interest.

The "guiding points" listed by William Carey for himself and his associates in the work of missions almost a century and a half ago have present day value and could be profitably followed by every Christian worker. They are:

- 1—To set an infinite value on human souls
- 2—To abstain from whatever deepens India's (or any people's) prejudice against the Gospel
- 3—To watch for every chance of doing good to the people
- 4—To preach Christ as the means of conversions
- 5—To esteem and treat people of India always as our equals
- 6—To guard and build up the "hosts that may be gathered"
- 7—To labor incessantly in Biblical translation (for us, study)
- 8—To be instant in the nurture of personal religion
- 9—To give ourselves without reserve to the cause, not counting even the clothes we wear our own.

In the fall of 1935 we observed the 400th Anniversary of the publication of the English Bible, but many failed to note an anniversary as significant for another people. One hundred years ago on December 29, 1835, Adoniram Judson sent to press the last sheet of the Bible translated by him into the Burman tongue.

Within a year after the Bible was translated into Afrikaans, over 250,000 copies had been sold in south Africa, as many as ten thousand

in a single week. That was little more than a year ago, but true pioneer work.

According to the *Missionary Review of the World* there are about 5000 languages and dialects spoken by mankind. In nearly a thousand of these we have a translation of at least a part of the Bible. The people of about 3000 tongues are accessible through other language, leaving yet 1000 tongues calling for Bible translators, a most urgent missionary task.

"It is impossible", said Horace Greeley, "to enslave intellectually or socially a Bible reading people".

For several years in Japan the Christians have been making use of the secular daily newspapers by buying space which they used to spread the Christian message. The success of this work encouraged those interested to undertake the publication of a daily Christian newspaper, the first in Japan and perhaps in all Asia.

The National Bible Society of Scotland has published letters from Mr. Dugald Campbell, the Society's agent who recently crossed the Sahara Desert. He has pioneered his way through hitherto absolutely untouched peoples, going from oasis to oasis, and in his six months' journey he had circulated many thousands of Scriptures.—*The Christian*

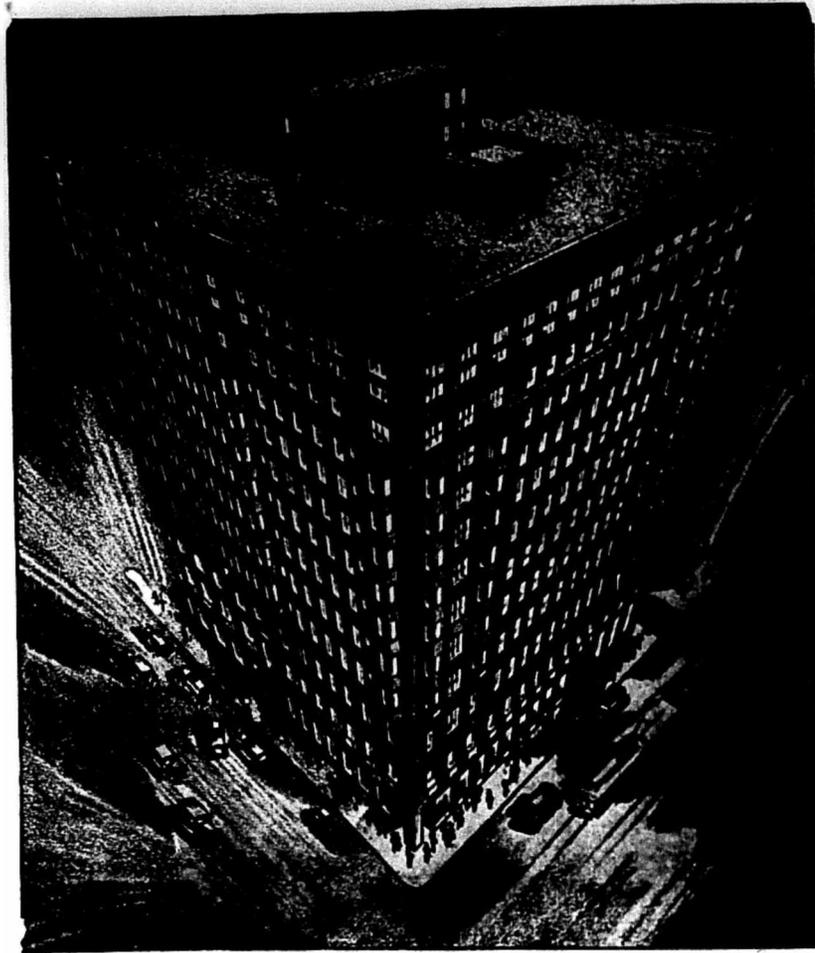
The twelfth quadrennial convention of the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions held in December, marked the 50th Anniversary of the movement. Among the speakers were three notable pioneers—Robert P. Wilder, founder and former general secretary of the movement; Samuel Zwemer, one of the founders of the Arabian Mission; and Toyohiko Kagawa, the founder of Christian Cooperatives in Japan.

The China Publication Society has just issued from the press a Chinese edition of Broadus' Commentary on Matthew. The work of translation was done by Dr. C. W. Pruitt, for fifty-four years our missionary in China. Dr. Broadus and Dr. Boyce were the founders of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and pioneers in theological education in the south and in offering courses of study profitable to young ministers of limited preparation.

As to HOTELS in ST. LOUIS

Hotels	Distance from Auditorium	Daily Rate Per Occupant for Rooms					Special Features
		Without Bath		With Bath		Twin Beds	
		Single	Double	Single	Double		
Adolphus* 222 N. Kingshighway (24 Rooms)	13 minutes by bus or car	—	\$1.00	—	\$1.25	—	
American North 7th (83 Rooms)	7 blocks	—	—	\$2.25	\$2.50	\$2.50	
Auditorium* (402 Pine (86 Rooms)	3 blocks	—	—	\$2.25	\$1.75	\$2.25	
Chase* Lindell and Kingshighway 11th (Rooms)	15 minutes by bus	—	—	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	3 room suites (4 persons) \$12.00 per day
Claridge* 16th and Locust (174 Rooms)	4 blocks	—	—	\$2.00	\$1.00	\$1.75	
Cornada* 210 Lindell (190 Rooms)	10 minutes by bus or car	—	—	\$2.00	\$1.50	\$2.00	Single room Club shower \$2.00
De Soto 11th and Locust (160 Rooms)	7 blocks	\$1.50	\$1.25	—	—	\$2.25	Room for 3 with bath, \$8.00 and \$4.00 per day
Fairgrounds* 1614 Natural Bridge (70 Rooms)	10 minutes by street car	—	—	\$2.00	\$1.50	\$2.00	
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Kingsway 108 N. Kingshighway (92 Rooms)	10 minutes by bus	\$1.50	—	\$2.00	\$1.50	\$2.00	
Looney* 415 Washington (114 Rooms)	10 blocks	—	—	\$2.50	\$1.50	\$2.00	
Marquette* 205 N. 11th (100 Rooms)	3 blocks	—	—	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.25	
Mark Twain* 114 N. 9th (100 Rooms)	3 blocks	—	—	\$2.00	\$1.75	\$2.10	
Marquette* 18th and Washington (150 Rooms)	3 blocks	\$1.50	\$1.25	\$2.00	\$1.50	\$2.00	Rooms for 4 with bath \$6.00 per day
Maryland* 205 N. 9th (100 Rooms)	7 blocks	\$1.25	—	\$2.00	\$1.75	\$2.00	
Mayfair* 8th and St. Charles (180 Rooms)	11 blocks	—	—	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.75	
Walden* Grant and Lindell (180 Rooms)	10 minutes by bus or car	—	—	\$2.00	\$1.75	\$2.00	Room for 3 with bath, \$4.50 day Room for 4 with bath, \$6.00 day
Park Plaza 220 N. Kingshighway (80 Rooms)	15 minutes by bus	—	—	\$2.25	—	\$2.50	
Riverside* 4901 Delmar (118 Rooms)	15 minutes by bus or car	—	—	\$2.00	\$2.25	\$2.50	
Stetler* 8th and Washington (120 Rooms)	10 blocks	—	—	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.50	
Warwick 1422 Locust (180 Rooms)	3 blocks	—	—	\$2.00	\$1.75	\$2.00	Room for 3 with bath, \$4.50 to \$7.50 per day
Westgate* Delmar and Kingshighway (48 Rooms)	15 minutes by bus or car	—	\$1.25	—	\$1.25	—	
Windsor* 3408 Delmar (24 Rooms)	20 minutes by bus or car	—	\$1.00	—	—	\$1.25	
Tark 2 E. 8th (40 Rooms)	3 blocks	—	—	\$2.00	—	\$2.50	

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9 A.M.—Margaret Fund, Mission Study, Personal Service, Stewardship, State W. M. U. Young People's Secretaries

11 A.M.—General Board of W.M.U. Training School

2 P.M.—Joint Session of W.M.U. Executive Committee, State W.M.U. Corresponding and Young People's Secretaries.

This New Hotel Jefferson is on 12th Boulevard at Locust. It is thus quite near the Municipal Auditorium in which the six W.M.U. sessions will be held, beginning Tuesday morning, May 12, and closing Wednesday night, May 13.