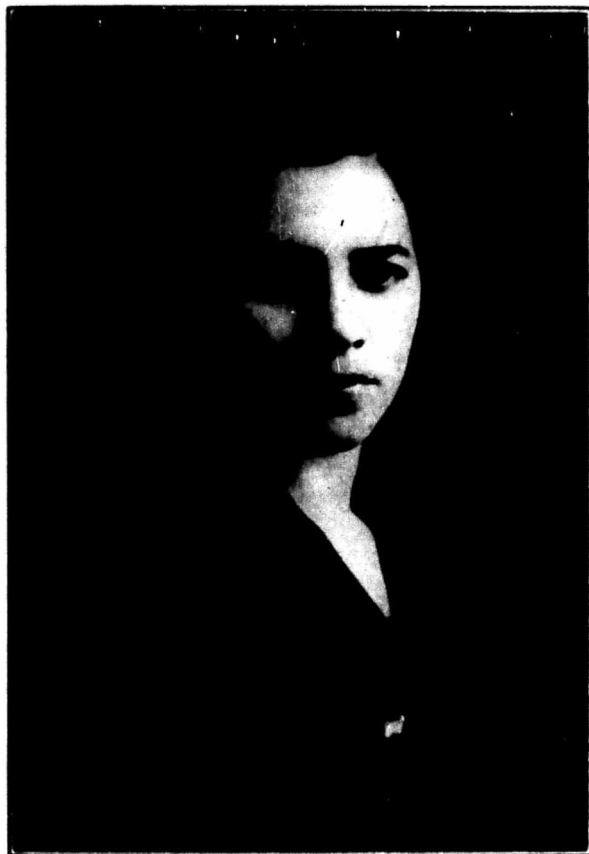


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Brazilian W.M.U. Field Worker
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EDITORIAL



The GOSPEL ACCORDING to YOU

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



The month's program topic with the treatise upon it (pages 19-29) provided for your W. M. S. offers to each one an interesting experience, going to an annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union. If some member of your society was really there and can add the personal touches which just could not get into the program material the program will be greatly enriched and enlivened for you. But with such comprehensive material you can scarcely fail to have a vivid picture of the great host of your sisters, those with whom you are "laborers together with God", gathered to hear the "Good News of Kingdom Progress".

We are reminded that the beloved word "Gospel" really means Good News. When Matthew wrote or Luke, when Mark wrote or John the beloved, each one recorded for others the story of "what Jesus began both to do and to teach" and his record was called the *Gospel according to Matthew* or Mark or Luke or John. So marvelous were these records that through the long years there have been countless ones that needed no other messenger who, reading one *Gospel*, have been led to exclaim, "My Lord and my God"! They are indeed Good News.

Personal testimony has always been the most powerful influence in winning others to loyal devotion to the Lord Jesus. When the early disciples were restrained from witnessing, their answer was: "We can but speak the things we have seen and heard". Such witnesses were irrepressible and their testimony had power. Of them it was said: "These are they which have turned the world upside down", made things look different, for the Gospel does change things. So the Good News of the progress of the Kingdom has inspired its adherents to more loyal support and has quickened in many hearts a purpose to become bearers of the Good News to countless ones who have not heard.

This month's program is designed to bring to us as members of W. M. U. the part that we promote and that in which we share in Kingdom progress. For it cannot be denied that the records of the annual meeting are but our combined efforts in mission study, personal service, enlistment, giving, missionary education of young people and God's answer to our prayers; while the "news flashes" tell of the proclamation of the Gospel in many lands as our sending and praying and giving have made progress possible.

And so it is that we must say one to another: "The Good News of Kingdom progress in your own ranks and throughout the world is really the Gospel according to you. If you are zealous, devoted and fully enlisted then you may rejoice in your abundant part as a witness. If you have failed or fallen short of your best service, if you have allowed others to carry heavy burdens that you were unwilling to share, then you must realize that still, though the Good News is delayed, the record is "the Gospel according to you". Jesus said, "As the Father hath sent Me even so send I you". Upon your interpretation of His "even so" depends what may be said about the *Gospel according to you*".



STEWARDSHIP SUGGESTIONS



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THIS IS the GATE of HEAVEN



When Jacob beheld a ladder, reaching from earth to Heaven, and angels of God ascending and descending on it, he made a vow of consecration. First he gave himself to God. Then he came to possess a new attitude about his property. He vowed that henceforth he would be a tither. He expressed the result of this glorious experience in these words: "This is the gate of Heaven". If Jacob felt this sense of consecration centuries before Christ came, how much more should you and I feel the urge and power of "the gate of Heaven" with our rich and joyous experiences through the gift of the Spirit. A consecration of our lives to God and a consecration of our money to His service will be to us a gate of Heaven.

Some years ago, on Lincoln's birthday, a cartoon appeared in one of our daily papers. It portrayed a crude log cabin at the foot of a mountain. On the mountain top stood the White House in all its classic beauty. A ladder leaned against the mountain. Its foot touched the log cabin, its topmost round the White House. Underneath were these graphic words, "The ladder is still there". So it is. And the ladder that Jacob saw is still there. And that ladder is still the gate of Heaven. Its lower rungs touch our poor human lives and lean across the world to souls in need. This ladder leans against mansions not made with hands.

We can find the ladder which leads to the gate of Heaven by giving. To answer human need by a stewardship of our money is to find a gate of Heaven, for "it is more blessed to give than to receive". Paul says we prove the sincerity of our love by giving. Giving is the proof of our love. Students of Scripture tell us Jesus had more to say about giving than about the new birth; more to say about the stewardship of money than about Heaven or hell; more to say about material possessions than about prayer and faith.

When Jacob had his vision of the ladder he vowed his tithe should be holy unto Jehovah. For centuries, the tithe and offering were so universally accepted; the world was ready for a bigger conception of stewardship. The Master gave us that conception in the story of the rich young ruler. Jesus taught that we must recognize God in the way we expend the remaining nine-tenths of our possessions. Christians are stewards of all they possess and accountable for all that God gives them. Money extends our personality. It can go where we cannot go. It can rebuild shattered, ruined, sinful lives into strong ones by carrying the Gospel story. Money maintains our churches and girds the homeland for its witness of the power of the Gospel. Money builds hospitals which minister in His name. Money erects schools that are as lights set on a hill. Money carries the "Glad News" of the Christ to the red man, the black man, the yellow man, the white man. How fragrant money can be of the love of God! Money is a pent up force. It is a power for good or ill. The Christian who truly loves Christ wants to invest his money in Kingdom endeavors. Christ is interested in what we do with our money because it is an index of our spiritual growth.

Money so invested will live long after we are dead and forgotten. People of another generation and in other lands will be marching to the measure of our dreams, our prayers, our consecration, all expressed in our money. Truly giving is Christ's name is the "gate of Heaven". The ladder is still there!—Mrs. W. J. Cox, Memphis, Tenn.



SUMMER ASSEMBLIES



ALABAMA



Plans for R. A. Camp were given in June *Royal Service*. The State Y.W.A. Camp will be held August 3-7 at the same place, Camp Grandview near Montgomery. Likewise there will be held the following district assemblies, each of which is promised the helpful presence of Miss Essie Fuller of Brazil:

Eastern at Clanton, June 30-July 2

Northern at Tusculum, July 7-9

Northeastern at Jacksonville, Aug. 18-21

—Mrs. Ida M. Stallworth, Cor. Sec.

ARKANSAS

THERE is a little primary song one verse of which begins: "Summer time is full of cheer". I think part of the cheer of summertime in our state comes from the many out-of-door meetings planned for the Baptists of all ages. Not the least of these is the Summer Assembly which is held annually in July on our Assembly grounds near Siloam Springs in the beautiful Ozark Mountains of northwest Arkansas. "Inspiration, information and recreation" would be a euphonious slogan for this delightful occasion.

Woman's Missionary Union cooperates with the Assembly management by arranging for one of the class periods at which time mission books are taught by various well-chosen teachers. This year Mrs. H. M. Keck, state mission study chairman, will act as dean of these classes and will also teach to a class of young women from our Y.W.A. organization the popular home mission book, "Who Is My Neighbor?" She will be ably assisted by Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Abernathy of Tulsa, Shantung Province, North China, who are spending their furlough in Arkansas. They will each base their class work on the book, "Pioneering for Jesus", supplementing this material with their own experiences on the mission field. Mr. Abernathy will have a class composed of men, and Mrs. Abernathy will teach members of the W.M.S. Miss Laurine Thomas, recently graduated from the W.M.U. Training School, will teach "Sharing with Neighbor America" to Intermediate G.A.'s. Two sisters who are members of fine College Y.W.A.'s, Misses Christine and Agnes Coffman, will be on the W.M.U. faculty—Miss Christine teaching "Guitars and Water Jars" to Junior R.A.'s and G.A.'s; Miss Agnes using "The Traveling Story Hour" for a Sunbeam class.

Our W.M.U. classes were well attended at the Assembly last year, there being 171 enrolled in four classes, with a large number of awards presented at the close of the Assembly. We hope to exceed this splendid record in 1936 as many Baptists of all ages follow the trail up to our western mountains for the summer's cheer of the Assembly through its recreational features and joyous Christian fellowship.—Mrs. W. D. Pyle, Cor. Sec. Trust

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MARYLAND

MARYLAND Baptists will meet July 1-10 for their twentieth annual Assembly at lovely Braddock Heights, located about five miles beyond the old historic city of Frederick. Every department of our church activities will have a place on the program: W.M.U., S.S., B.T.U. work—with separate conference periods for pastors and all other organization workers. For them all inclusive and diversified program there has been provided a strong faculty from among our outstanding denominational preachers and leaders.

The program for W.M.U. will consist of conferences, mission study and inspirational messages. Mrs. Eugene Laverne, president of Maryland W.M.U., will teach the W.M.U. class. Through the courtesy of our Southern Union our Y.W.A.'s will have the rare privilege of welcoming as their teacher Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, principal of W.M.U. Training School. This is Miss Littlejohn's first visit to our Assembly, and we are looking forward with joyful anticipation to her coming. G.A. and R.A. plans are rapidly nearing completion and will be announced through the state paper.

The prospects are most encouraging as we plan and look forward to this summer training school for Christian workers. The beautiful location of Braddock, the fine mountain air, the delights of Christian fellowship, combined with recreation, education and information all tend to make the "Assembly Week" the outstanding one of the year.—Mrs. S. R. Barnes, Cor. Sec.

MISSISSIPPI

"FORSAKE not the assembling of yourselves together". The writer to the Hebrews (10:25) was exhorting them to hold fast the faith and indicated the necessity of their coming together. This exhortation is followed by that wonderful eleventh chapter of Hebrews that sets forth the worthy fruits (Concluded on Page 7)



FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



RENHORITA PINTO

(See picture on page 1.)



I want the members of Woman's Missionary Union and other co-workers in Kingdom

building to know our Brazilian W. M. U. field worker, Senhora Herodias Neves Pinto. All of you will be interested in her especially, because your gifts to our Brazilian W. M. U. have made it possible for us to initiate this phase of work.

Herodias lives in Macahe, Rio State. She is a genuine Brazilian, because her parents are descendants of the famous Indian tribe, "Goytacases", that was formerly located in Rio State. She is a decided brunette, with straight black hair and large black eyes which show great depth and tenderness. She is a beautiful specimen of young womanhood, uses no make-up whatever and is always neat and attractive, ever ready to speak in any gathering for the Master and His cause.

Since her graduation from Rio Baptist College last year, she has been working among the W. M. S. and Y. W. A. organizations and the Sunbeam Bands in the 97 Baptist churches in her home state. Her help in this capacity is very valuable and necessary because, due to the lack of schools in the interior, few are prepared to do the work. Not only does she have an opportunity to train and develop but also to evangelize, because many children from non-Christian homes attend her Daily Vacation Bible Schools where Jesus is presented to them through songs, Bible reading and stories. It is her great privilege to permeate their lives with the Gospel and to prepare them to accept Christ as their Savior.

Now that you know her, I believe you will pray for her and the work she is doing. Thus you will have even

a greater part in this work than what you already have through financial contributions.—Mrs. A. B. Christie, Brazil

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of faith. In order to bring forth worthy fruits, we must continually keep open to the best in body, mind and spirit.

Mississippi Baptist Assembly—at Mississippi Woman's College, Hattiesburg, Miss., July 5-10—will furnish a splendid occasion for the development of such fruits. At this meeting we will have the golden opportunity of studying God's Word, methods in various church activities and missions. We will have a period each day for W.M.U. classes for all grades in mission study. Miss Juliette Mather will be our southside representative. We are expecting great inspiration and help from her stay with us.

The hour of fellowship one with the other is conducive to growth in vigor and gentleness and strength of life. This assembling of ourselves together is to our souls as a special watering in a dry spell is to vegetation.—Miss Fannie Traylor, Cor. Sec.

SOUTH CAROLINA

THE South Carolina Summer Assembly will be held at Greenville Woman's College, Greenville, June 20 to July 11. W.M.U. week will be July 6 to 11.

Miss Pearl Bourne, southside associate young people's secretary, will be our southern Union visitor, and in addition we shall have Dr. and Mrs. John Lake, Dr. M. E. Dodd, Dr. Sampson and others. Miss Bourne will teach the W.M.U. mission study each morning and will take the G.A. and R.A. camps on a tour around the world from day to day. Noonday lectures will be given by Dr. Lake, the evening lectures will be given by Dr. Dodd.

Miss Ruth Provence will be in charge of the G.A. and R.A. Camps with Rev. Fred Poplin as co-director of the R.A.'s. Mrs. Chas. M. Griffin, Sunbeam superintendent, will supervise the Sunbeam Camp. Recreation, bandcraft, dramatics and Bible and mission study will be featured in all camps.

In addition to mission study in the W.M.U. group, a period each day will be devoted to inspirational messages and another period to conferences on methods. A large attendance is expected from all sections of the state.—Miss Vonnie Lance, Cor. Sec.



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RIDGECREST MISSIONS WEEKS



FOREIGN MISSION WEEK at RIDGECREST

August 9-14 Inclusive



All who attended Foreign Mission Week last year were unanimous in their declaration that it was the greatest week of inspiration they had ever enjoyed.

The program of last year was never surpassed in any other conference. Those who had the privilege of being present can never forget the high hours of inspiration and spiritual power of that week. The program of this year promises to equal that of last year in every respect. That you may know what awaits you, we list some of the attractive features of the program.

Missionaries from our several mission fields will be there to give accounts of the triumphs of the Gospel in all of the countries where southern Baptists maintain work.

Dr. J. Clyde Turner of Greensboro, North Carolina, will direct the morning watch each day during the conference and preach at the morning service on Sunday, August 9th.

Dr. W. O. Carver has agreed to direct the sunset hour. Could you think of a better way to begin and end a

day than to sit at the feet of these two men and meditate with them on God's Word and His love?

Miss Inabelle Coleman will have just returned from the orient and will be at Ridgcrest to tell of what she has seen and experienced on her visit to China and Japan.

Mrs. C. D. Creasman has consented to present the pageant, depicting the life and work of Henrietta Hall Shuck, one evening of the conference. Mrs. Creasman is the author of this pageant and we are grateful that she can be there in person to direct it.

We hope to secure Dr. George W. Truett for at least two days of the conference. So watch for the published program which is to appear in the August number of *Royal Service* for confirmation of this and for the names of the missionaries and others whom you will be privileged to hear.

Those desiring to make reservations should write to Mr. Perry Morgan, Ridgcrest, North Carolina. Reservations should be made early.—*Dr. R. S. Jones, Field Representative-at-Large of Foreign Mission Board*

DIRECTORS in A-1 CHURCHES (Concluded from Page 9)

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BIBLE STUDY



Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

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

TOPIC: Wheat and Tares—Matt. 13:24-30

(Read Scripture.) The farmers in Syria have trouble with a kind of wild rye grass which looks like wheat. By the time the head appears the roots are twisted about the roots of good grain. At harvest the separation must be made with care. The wild stalks, when ground into flour, produce nausea and giddiness. Can you imagine an enemy sowing weeds in the field where grain had been sown? Archbishop Trench tells of an instance where an outgoing tenant did this very thing for spite.

Satan does something worse than planting wild grass in wheat fields or flower beds. He deliberately sows deceit, hypocrisy, cruelty, even unbelief, where the Savior of the world has sown truth, love, hope. We have the Master's interpretation of the parable of wheat and tares. (Read verses 37-43.) He has pictured the final separation of good and evil. That is recorded for us in Matt. 25:31-46. (Read reference.)

A similar division is made by the psalmist. Notice David's appeal to your heart to leave judgment unto the Judge of all the earth. (Read distinctly Ps. 37:1-7.)

For Your Review in Circle Studies

1. What is a parable?
2. Why did Jesus speak in parables?

(See Matt. 13:10-15; Mark 4:11, 12; Luke 8:9, 10.)

3. What two mistakes are often made in interpreting the parables of our Lord? Answer: (1) Too much detail in the application; (2) Missing the beauty and truth
4. Do you think the parables can be used effectively in teaching young Christians? The average mature Christian? The theological student?
5. How does the parable differ from the fable? The myth?
6. Mention a parable of reproof in the Old Testament: II Sam. 12:1-7. In the New Testament: Matt. 22:33-46
7. What other parable is often grouped with wheat and tares? Ans.—The Drag Net
8. Which Gospels record parables?
9. Where in the New Testament do you find the following parables: (1) The Ten Virgins; (2) The Lost Sheep; (3) The Four Kinds of Soil; (4) The Prodigal Son; (5) The Good Samaritan?
10. What is the object of Matthew's Gospel? Ans.—To prove to the Jews that Jesus Christ is the Messiah of Old Testament prophecy.

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FAMILY ALTAR

Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

TOPIC: Wheat and Tares—Matt. 13:24-30

WHEN quiet in my house I sit
Thy Book is my companion still;
My joy Thy sayings to repeat,
Talk o'er the records of Thy will.

Oh may the gracious words divine
Subject of all my converse be;
So will the Lord His followers join
And walk and talk Himself with me.

—Charles Wesley

"The Glory of the Lord"

1st Day—Isa. 61:1-3
2nd Day—Isa. 55:1-5
3rd Day—Isa. 60:1-5
4th Day—Isa. 2:3-5
5th Day—Isa. 9:2, 6, 7
6th Day—Isa. 29:18, 24; 32:3
7th Day—Isa. 49:13; 52:7

"Except They Be Sent"

16th Day—Rom. 10:15-18
14th Day—Rom. 15:25, 26
17th Day—I Cor. 1:18, 21, 24, 26
18th Day—I Cor. 2:4-8
19th Day—I Cor. 4:20; 15:1, 2
20th Day—II Cor. 4:3, 4, 6; 9:15
21st Day—Eph. 6:15-18

"Our Gospel"

"The Kingdom . . . within You"

8th Day—Luke 16:16; 17:20
9th Day—Jno. 1:16, 17; 8:32
10th Day—Jno. 4:14; 12:35
11th Day—Jno. 17:7; 18:36
12th Day—Acts 10:36; 18:32, 33
13th Day—Acts 20:24, 32
14th Day—Rom. 1:16, 17

22nd Day—I Thess. 1:6; 2:13
23rd Day—II Thess. 2:14-17
24th Day—II Tim. 1:10; 2:3
25th Day—Hab. 4:2, 12-16
26th Day—Isa. 1:18-27
27th Day—I Pet. 1:23, 25; 4:6
28th Day—II Pet. 1:16-21
29th Day—Jude 20-25
30th Day—Rev. 14:6, 7
31st Day—Matt. 8:11; 13:10, 24-30

"Pray We"

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow"

Ask God's guidance for: (1) Foreign, Home and State Mission Boards; (2) W.M.U. work in each state; (3) Ridgecrest Y.W.A. Camp; (4) all state, district and associational assemblies and camps; (5) college students on vacation; (6) Home and State Missions Conference at Ridgecrest, N. C., Aug. 2-7 inclusive; (7) Foreign Missions Week at Ridgecrest, Aug. 9-14 inclusive. (See page 10.)

Intercede for missionaries at home and abroad: (1) for their families; (2) their field; (3) lack of equipment; (4) other hindrances, especially persecutions to native Christians as in Mexico, Russia, Romania and Palestine.

Pray that during this calendar year W.M.U. may secure at least 25,000 paid-up debt-paying memberships according to southwide and state plans.

Calendar of Prayer

July, 1936

Prepared by Mrs. Maud R. McLure, Georgia

MY FATHER, I am not afraid,
Though obstacles my path obscure;
I know they cannot long endure.
My Heavenly Father's strength will aid;
He watches o'er me night and day;
I will not fear but bravely say:
"My Father, I am not afraid".

Capt. Good News of Kingdom Progress

1—WEDNESDAY

Pray for Rev. and Mrs. L. O. Engrmann, educational work, Toluca, Mexico.
For us as His workmen.—Eph. 1:10

2—THURSDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. N. A. Bryan, medical work, and Miss Lucy Wright, nurse, Kwang-Hsien, China.
Be sent forth to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick.—Luke 9:1

3—FRIDAY

For Misses May Perry and Ruth Walden, educational work, Abeo, Nigeria.
Your Father may dwell in your hearts through faith.—Eph. 3:17

4—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Harley Smith and Miss Helen Bagby, educational and evangelistic work, Porto Alegre, Brazil.
His mercy is new generations and generations.—Luke 1:50

5—SUNDAY

For summer camps for W.M.U. young people's organizations.
Lovers of Me.—Matt. 11:29

6—MONDAY

For Prof. and Mrs. George A. Carver and Miss Edyth Boyd, University of Shanghai, China.
The covenant shall be upon His shoulders.—Isa. 9:1

7—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Sherwood, evangelistic work, Campo Grande, Brazil.
I have Jehovah because He breathes life into me.—Ps. 136:3

8—WEDNESDAY

Pray for Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Hayes, medical and evangelistic work, Canton, China.
Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee.—Ps. 84:5

9—THURSDAY

For Misses M. E. Moorman, educational work, and Alice Parker, evangelistic work, Yangchow, China.
Be not anxious for your life.—Luke 12:22

10—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. E. G. Wilcox (on furlough), educational work, Pernambuco, Brazil, and Dorothy and Juanita Wilcox, Margaret Ford students.
Ye shall be My witnesses.—Acts 1:8

11—SATURDAY

For Misses *Elizabeth Hare, *Viola Humphreys and Blanche Rom Walker, evangelistic work, and *Josephine Ward (on furlough), educational work, Kaffang, China.
For us as His fellow workers.—I Cor. 3:9

12—SUNDAY

Thank God for a half century of progress through our mission literature.
Give instruction to a wise man and he will be yet wiser.—Prov. 9:9

13—MONDAY

Pray for Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Carson, evangelistic work, Sapele, Nigeria.
Let them also that love Thy name be joyful in Thee.—Ps. 135:1

14—TUESDAY

For Misses Irene Jeffers and Mary Demarest (on furlough), educational work, Yangchow, China.
Christ redeemed us.—Gal. 3:13

15—WEDNESDAY

For Misses Gladys McLanahan and Little Mae Weatherford, teachers in Anglo-Mexican Institute, El Paso, Texas.
I waited patiently for Jehovah.—Ps. 40:1

*Attended W.M.U. Training School
*Attended Southwestern Training School
*Attended Baptist Bible Institute
*Former Margaret Ford Student

Calendar of Prayer

July, 1936

MY FATHER, I am not afraid
When sorrows tempt me to despair;
I know my Father's loving care
Will shield the child which He has made.
Though waves of doubt around me roll
They cannot swerve me from my goal.
My Father, I am not afraid.—*Florence Marshall*

Topic: Good News of Kingdom Progress

- 16—THURSDAY**
For Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Lowe, evangelistic work, Shanghai, China, and Jackson Lowe, Margaret Fund Student.
Happy is the man that heedeth wisdom.—Prov. 3:13
- 17—FRIDAY**
On its thirty-first anniversary let us pray for the Baptist World Alliance.
Giving diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.—Eph. 4:3
- 18—SATURDAY**
Pray for Rev. and Mrs. John Lake (on furlough), evangelistic work, Canton, China.
He will bless them that fear Jehovah, both small and great.—Psa. 135:13
- 19—SUNDAY**
Let us praise God for the advancement of our W.M.U. work among young people of many lands.
Train up a child in the way he should go.—Prov. 22:6
- 20—MONDAY**
Pray for Misses Maude Cobb and Ruby Daniel, educational work, Budapest, Hungary.
God is faithful through whom ye were called.—1 Cor. 1:9
- 21—TUESDAY**
For Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Jackson, evangelistic work, Wush, China.
To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to Jehovah than sacrifice.—Prov. 21:3
- 22—WEDNESDAY**
For Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Berry, educational work, and Miss Ray Buster, evangelistic work, Belo Horizonte, Brazil.
I will make the wilderness a pool of water.—Isa. 41:18
- 23—THURSDAY**
For Rev. and Mrs. Rex Ray (on furlough), and Miss Mollie Mc-
- Minn, evangelistic work, Wuchow, China.
His banner over me was love.—Song of Sol. 2:4
- 24—FRIDAY**
Pray for W.M.U. work in Europe.
Thou that honorest Me I will honor.—1 Sam. 2:30
- 25—SATURDAY**
For Miss Bertha Smith, evangelistic work, Tainingchow, China.
Great peace have they that love Thy law.—Psa. 119:165
- 26—SUNDAY**
Thank God for Kingdom progress through W.M.U. special seasons of prayer and offerings for home and foreign missions.
I will pray with the understanding.—1 Cor. 14:15
- 27—MONDAY**
Pray for Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Gallowsay, evangelistic work, Macao, China.
With Him is pleasure redemption.—Psa. 130:1
- 28—TUESDAY**
For Rev. and Mrs. Roswell E. Owens (on furlough), evangelistic work, Haifa, Palestine.
In the shadow of Thy wings will I take refuge.—Psa. 57:1
- 29—WEDNESDAY**
For Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Morgan, emeritus missionaries from China.
Trust in God and do good.—Psa. 37:3
- 30—THURSDAY**
For Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Cowart, evangelistic work, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
I came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.—Luke 5:32
- 31—FRIDAY**
For Rev. W. Harvey Clarke (on furlough), evangelistic work, Tokyo, Japan.
Herby we know that we know Him if we keep His commandments.—1 John 3:3

Attended W.M.U. Training School
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BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES

MONTH'S PROGRAM for BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES

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

TOPIC for MONTH: Good News of Kingdom Progress

Hymn—"Faith of Our Fathers"

The A B C and the X Y Z of Kingdom Progress

- A—A Trip to the Annual Meeting** (See "Introduction", page 19.)
- B—Blessings of God** (Use 5 women to give brief reports of the work. See "Let Figures Talk", page 20.)
- C—Celebrating the Jubilee of Our Mission Literature** (Begin with "Fifty Years Ago", page 27. After the introduction of this part, have important dates and facts written on slips of paper in the form of leaflets, these to be read by several members.)
- X—Xerpts from President's Message** (Page 22)
Hymn—"The Kingdom Is Coming"
- Y—Yields from Mission Lands** (Let three news-flashers be given in "the first person", many participating. See page 24.)
Hymn—"Lead On, O King Eternal"
- Z—Zeal for the Lord in the Harvest Field**—Matt. 12:24-30 (Page 11)

Prayer

EX-FIRST-LADY-OF-CHINA

CHINA'S national insignia of bronze suns set in blue upon the heavy gates leading through the high brick wall bespoke the national rank of the resident of this grey stucco mansion that intrigued our attention. Simple arched architecture, jade-like marble pillars around the balcony and front porch and touches of white facings framing the arched doors and windows made this famous house of Macao one of combined beauty and dignity. The walk was bordered with daisies, poinsettias, dahlias, snapdragons and geraniums in full bloom. And by the door there was a rickshaw.

Mrs. Sun Yat Sen, herself, met us at the door. This gracious, charming, simple little Chinese woman of seventy years was dressed in dark gunmetal grey Chinese dress, a brown sleeveless jacket and brown Chinese felt shoes with small pompons on the toes. Dainty opal earrings, two green jade bracelets and a worn wedding ring were her only jewels. Her one-time bound feet made her take short steps on her heels as she directed us into her living room of simple charm and dignity.

Teakwood furniture upholstered in beige leather with bronze velvet cushioned seats and black and blue brocaded Chinese silk pillows gave this room the atmosphere of simple comfort. Plain, polished, teakwood tea tables tastefully placed about the room and a large white marble, tortoise-designed table in the center of the room were the only other pieces of furniture. The only picture on the wall was a painting in blue and gold of China's great general and the little woman's late husband, Sun Yat Sen. It hung over a white marble mantle etched delicately in gold. On both ends of this mantle were alabaster vases of rich yellow chrysanthemums distinctive of China. Beneath on the hearth stood two turquoise blue bowls of yellow and white narcissus. To the right of the fire place in the corner-of-honor stood a very tall, exquisite jade vase of graceful tall sprays of peach blossoms. The many windows leading out on the terrace were draped in heavy old gold brocaded silk. The beautifully polished inlaid floor of several precious hard woods was uncovered.

Every one would naturally be interested in these material details of this far-famed home of the wife of China's first hero of this century. But much more deeply touched and concerned are we to hold precious within our hearts the message that this dear, devout, praying Christian Chinese woman asked us to carry back to our sisters in Christ in America. Tears filled her eyes as she tried to find words to express her gratitude to southern Baptists for coming to China with the message of God's love. Then with a flash of zeal in her eyes and profound seriousness in her soft voice she emphasized: "Tell the women of every Woman's

Missionary Society in China and in America to give of her whole heart, mind, soul and strength to Christ and to witness for Him daily.

Mrs. Sun refuses to have a car and rides in her ricksha to the market daily, buying her own groceries and vegetables herself. "In this way I am just one of the common people and I get to mingle with the people in the market place and to tell them of the one living God".

"Tell the young people that the one regret of my life is that I waited so late in life to become a Christian. Urge them to give themselves without reserve to the Lord in their youth, for there is nothing else with which to fill life with joy and peace and happiness".

She spoke of how she and her husband used to go to church in Hong Kong and Honolulu during their early years of married life. "But I never knew the Lord as my Saviour and His Holy Spirit as the personal guide of my life until in 1913 during the dreadful national distress when I was refugeeing in the humble home of a Burman woman who presented to me the Lord as a personal, intimate, sufficient power for every life".

Many hours daily are spent in earnest intercessory prayer. She spoke of individuals in nearly every nation of the world and assured us of her daily prayers for them. Gladly she agreed to add to her prayer list all of Southern Baptist missionaries.

The young pastor, Harold Chun of our Baptist church of Macao, finds strength and comfort in coming to this prayer retreat and sharing with this senior member of his church hours of communion with God. She is like a Christian mother to him.

The women of the Southern Baptist Convention will rejoice to hear these good tidings of the fervent and active consecration of this ex-first lady of China and of her devout prayer life and daily witnessing. Her last word was tearfully uttered. "Please pray for Grace".

Grace is her daughter—a church member but not as "warm hearted" as the little mother wishes. Her son, Dr. Sun Foo, chairman of the National Congress of China, a few days later in the capital city, Nanking, smiled: "Yes, my mother is a good woman—the best Christian I ever knew". And her influence is upon this great national leader today. He also is a member of our Baptist church in Macao—Miss Isabelle Coleman on *Missionary Journey to Orient*

tribute to Miss Mina Everett

A HOME MISSIONARY as well as one to a foreign field entered the Heavenly Land when in the early spring Miss Mina Everett passed on to her rich reward. Born in Texas 82 years ago she served (1889-1896) as "corresponding secretary and organizer" of what is now the Woman's Missionary Union of Texas. Having previously served in Portuguese-speaking Brazil she was particularly adapted to work among the Mexicans in Texas; thus, when a Mexican Baptist Church was organized in San Antonio it was recorded (1890) that "in the inauguration and maintenance of the work more is due to her than to any other one person". In later years Miss Everett was privileged to work among the Mexicans in three other states, one of her converts being now pastor of the largest Mexican Baptist church in California.

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CIRCLE PLANS

CIRCLE'S MISSIONARY PROGRAM

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

WHEN YOUR CIRCLE STUDIES the "Personal Service Guide"

valuable suggestions will be available in the following from Mrs. E. D. Poe of Roanoke, Va. The book was written by Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, the price being 25c from State Baptist Book Store or W.M.U. Literature Dept., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.

I. General Suggestions

1. The discussion group method is best since the subject is so closely related to the individual experience that all will participate. Be sure the leader is one who can control and direct discussion into profitable channels.

2. Study the text in the light of your own situation. Receive "as information" those things which are outside your sphere; take to heart—and head and hand—the phrases of the subject which are applicable in your case. Study with discrimination.

3. The object of this study is practical, to help us to do. A "guide" is one commissioned to get us somewhere. The "Personal Service Guide" is concrete in its aim to get us somewhere in Christian service. Let's go!

II. First discussion should be spent in defining terms—service, personal, organized, directed, our field, our motive etc. After so many years of malpractice on the part of some, definition is still necessary.

In addition to the excellent definitions given by Mrs. Lawrence, how is this one? "Winning people to Christ, building them up in Christ, sending them out for Christ—this is personal service". Or this one? "Doing at home in person the things we send missionaries out to do—this is personal service". Members of the circle may suggest better ones.

III. Second discussion should be given to the organization necessary. If not already organized for personal service, the circle in cooperation with other circles and general organization of W.M.S. should now be organized along personal service lines so that those chosen may give special heed during remainder of study.

IV. Third discussion should be given to a survey of the needs of the community. Let the entire circle "help think" what needs to be done. Don't overlook new opportunities which have arisen since publication of our text—C.C.C. camps, nursery schools and numerous other federal projects. In a changing world we must be alert.

V. Fourth discussion should center around the theme, "Now do it". Having surveyed the needs, make plans to meet them. Practice assigning tasks and arranging details for carrying out each type of work to be done. Later, when definite assignments are made for actual work, there will be no confusion or muddling.

VI. Fifth discussion should center around the theme: "For the glory of God, in the name of the church." Let us identify our service as being for Christ's sake in the name of our church since we seek to win to salvation in Him and to service through the church.

In administering help which involves monetary expenditure, the charity fund of the church should be called on. This is its function and it should exercise it. The personal attention to necessary detail can be effectively given by the circle members. To those helped the church presents a concrete idea and is "something to go to" afterwards by way of showing appreciation.

In Revelation, in a beautiful figure, the church is spoken of as the Bride of Christ, her wedding garments "of fine linen, clean and white". And then is added this striking word: "for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints" (Rev. 19:8). Surely the churches are more and more adorned with good works as by our deeds of righteousness we render them more and more effective in the communities in which they are the sole agencies definitely set for the accomplishment of God's will.

PROGRAM PLANS

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



Did you ever attend an annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention? If not, probably you have attended your own state Woman's Missionary Union convention or your associational W.M.U. meeting. If you have attended none of these, you have certainly been present at a meeting of your own Woman's Missionary Society. Any of these gatherings will help you to get a picture in mind of the wonderful gathering of our women in St. Louis, May 12th and 13th.

The great Municipal Auditorium's Opera House, itself seating 3500, is ready for delegates and visitors. The center section is reserved for delegates. Standards bearing the names of the states show where is seated each state delegation of forty-five. On the wide platform are the officers of the Union and speakers of the hour.

A woman from a society of fifty members might feel lost in this great gathering. Yet she might reason with herself: "The capacity of 3500 is only about twice as large as my state Woman's Missionary Union convention. It is only about ten times as large as my associational meeting. It is exactly seventy times the size of my fifty-member missionary society. The work of my society is a part of this large gathering. My home society is really this great meeting in miniature. When I get home I can have our society reproduce this wonderful convention." With this thought in mind, the Program Committee can reconstruct the W.M.U. annual meeting, using some of the following plans.

Arrangement of Room: Place table and chairs on the platform or in a cleared space in front for the president, other officers and those taking part in the program. Use large vases or baskets of flowers, because the decorations at the W.M.U. annual meeting are always lovely. Have cardboard signs marking off spaces for each circle to occupy, as the state sections are marked at the W.M.U. meeting. (See pages 19-29.)

Invite several Girls' Auxiliary members to act as ushers. They should wear white dresses with purple paper regalia. A purple paper badge should be given each woman as she arrives. The ushers, after asking the number of her circle, should then escort her to the section marked for her "delegation".

After the meeting is called to order, the leader for the afternoon should explain that this is no ordinary gathering. It is the 48th Annual Session of the Woman's Missionary

Union, meeting in St. Louis, Missouri. Much will depend upon the spirit with which the leader enters into this plan. She might tell of the great Opera House of the Municipal Auditorium in which they are now meeting. The leader should try to stir the imagination of the women. She must be very clear in her explanation and very animated in her introduction of the officers of the W.M.U.

The secretary of the society is the suitable one to represent Miss Kathleen Mallory, the corresponding secretary of the W.M.U. "Organization Statistics" would naturally be her subject, though she would confuse her hearers by too many figures. She should give only the grand totals, as: total number of missionary organizations (including junior organizations), 34,045; total number of members, 503,766; number of tithers, 95,201; number of mission study classes, 33,907. (Page 20)

"Gift Statistics" should be given by the treasurer, introduced as Mrs. W. J. Cox. Only the grand total needs to be stressed. A card bearing the figures \$1,972,370.39 might be placed in full view to keep this wonderful sum before the society. (Page 21)

When selected readings are given from the "President's Address", the leader should announce the reader as "Our W.M.U. President, Mrs. F. W. Armstrong of Plattsburg, Missouri". (Page 22)

"News Flashed from around the World" may be given from an imitation radio. Some one concealed near this radio might read the news flashes as they are called by the leader who turns the dial to get the different stations. The voice from the radio may announce: "This is Station W.M.U.S.B.C.—Africa speaking" etc. One sentence from each country is all for which this full program gives time. (Page 24)

"Our Two Jubilees" may be given by the Sunbeam leader, telling of fifty years of Sunbeam organization, and by the literature chairman telling of fifty years of southern Baptist mission literature. Remember always that a few facts that are filed in the minds of the women are better than many facts that are confusing. (Page 26)

"What Our Society Did in Making These Great Reports" is a subject that would be an impressive ending to this program. In closing recall the watchword for 1937—"Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts" (Zech. 4:6). Earnest prayer should be offered that the Spirit may manifest Himself here in the homeland as He is manifesting His power in many of our foreign fields. —18—

PROGRAM for JULY

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

Prepared by Mrs. C. D. Crenshaw, Tennessee

THEME for YEAR: "Thy Kingdom Come"

TOPIC for MONTH: Good News of Kingdom Progress

Hymn—"I Love to Tell the Story"

Bible Study—Wheat and Tares—Matt. 13:24-30 (Page 11)

Prayer that we may increase the wheat in God's harvest field

Hymn—"Jesus Saves"

Let's Go to St. Louis

—Let Figures Talk

Prayer, thanking God for the progress of our W.M.U. work

The President Speaks

Hymn—"Come Women, Wide Proclaim"

News Flashes from around the World

Jubilee of Our Mission Literature

—Hymn for the Year

Prayer, asking God to bless W.M.U. work around the world

LET'S GO TO ST. LOUIS



Did you attend the annual meeting of the W.M.U. of the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis in May? As we ask the question we realize that most of you must answer in the negative, for the mighty host attending the meeting was only a small per cent of the mightier host that makes up the constituency of our great Woman's Missionary Union. So in this program we are inviting all of you to go with us to St. Louis as we enjoy together some of the important things that were done at that great meeting.

In our imagination we join the throng of southern Baptist women hurrying along the streets in pairs, trios or in groups—never alone, for the lone woman soon attaches herself to some friendly group—gaily bedecked with badges which have been given them at the registration desk, making their way to the place where the sessions are to be held. There are happy greetings as friends meet friends perhaps not seen since the last annual meeting, but nobody loiters, for all know that every session begins exactly on time. So as a part of the happy crowd we enter the Opera House of the Municipal Auditorium which is marked as the place of the W.M.U. meeting. If we are delegates, we are seated with the delegation from our state. If we are not among the forty-five elected to represent our state as delegates we are termed "visitors", but we are given the best available seats and everything possible is done to help us hear the program and to enjoy the meeting to the utmost.

So we take our seats, either as delegates or visitors, and at exactly nine fifteen, on Tuesday morning, May the 12th, the annual meeting begins. No careless program is this! We see that every bit of it has been carefully planned, and it is carried out with precision, dignity and ease. There is no promiscuous run-

ning in and out. There is no banging on the outside chatting while the program is going on. No one is allowed to enter except between parts on the program. Everything is quiet and reverent, yet earnest and enthusiastic. We feel the presence of God. We feel that these are His children doing business for Him in a business-like way. We are proud to be a part of such an assembly of women. They are intelligent, they are earnest, they are beautiful, for the light of Christian love shines in their faces. The import of a divine call motivates their action; the concern for eternal things is written in their personalities. With this setting in our minds let us feel ourselves a real part of this annual meeting as we hear good news of Kingdom progress revealed in the reports and addresses given in St. Louis and which we are summarizing in this program.

LET FIGURES TALK

THERE is lots of talking done at the W.M.U. annual meeting. Of course there is, for it is a woman's meeting, and we women acknowledge that we like to talk. Especially do we like to talk about the work of our W.M.U. None of this annual meeting talk is "idle talk", for it is all about the achievements of the past and plans for the future. Some of the most effective talking is done by figures. The long statistical report presented by the leaders in the various departments of our activities might be uninteresting did they not tell a marvelous story of growth and achievement. So let us sit in our imaginary seats at the annual meeting while figures talk, summing up for us the accomplishments of a year's work.

Let figures speak of organization. Of churches in our denomination
That we may have a realization In W.M.U. organization.
How great is the participation

(Each of the following tables should be printed on charts. Each time as the speaker gives the verse the woman holding the chart referred to either enters or arises from her seat and goes to the front holding the chart where all can see it while the speaker reads the figures.—Each one continues to stand in the front till all charts are presented.)

Organization Statistics

Number of Women's Missionary Societies.....	11,407
Number of Young People's Organizations.....	23,238
Total Number of Organizations.....	34,645
Number New Organizations.....	4,088
Number of Churches Having Full Graded W.M.U.....	2,520
Number of Churches Having Full Graded W.M.U. Reaching A-1 Class on Standard of Excellence.....	287
Number Organizations Reaching A-1 Class on Standard of Excellence.....	5,325

Lest these figures seem dry to you stop a minute to realize that they are telling of organizations all over the southland, some of them numbering hundreds of women, some with less than a dozen, some in churches on busy street corners, some on shady village lanes, some amid the trees of country groves, some in churches on rugged mountain sides, some on the wide prairie and some by the sandy ocean beach, but all are organizations of missionary women or young people, united to give the Gospel to the whole world, and each one is having its part in the glorious achievements of the whole organization. It is a thought that thrills us and makes these figures shine with a golden gleam.

Let figures talk of members, so
Our total number we may know,
For counts of numbers surely show
How all our organizations grow
And set our hearts with joy aglow.

Membership Statistics

Number of Members in Women's Missionary Societies.....	293,883
Number of Members in Young People's Organizations.....	299,883

Total Membership.....593,766

It is gratifying to know that we gained during the past year over 22,000 members. To help these membership figures talk a little more plainly let us realize that, if all these members of W.M.U. organizations joined hands and stretched out, they would reach from Birmingham, Alabama, to Baltimore, Maryland. If they should pass-by one place, in single file, at the rate of one a second it would take twenty working days of eight hours each for all to pass by. And yet each one is an individual with personality, time, talents, money, influence—valuable in God's Kingdom.

Let figures talk of funds that we
The total of our gifts may see,
That we may know to what degree
We show our generosity
And if our gifts flow full and free,
According to ability.

Gifts Statistics

Total Gifts of Sunbeam Bands.....	\$ 28,653.66
Total Gifts of Royal Ambassadors.....	29,576.11
Total Gifts of Girls' Auxiliaries.....	46,476.12
Total Gifts of Young Women's Auxiliaries.....	107,023.44
Total Gifts for Women's Missionary Societies.....	1,760,641.06

Total Gifts for All Organizations.....	\$1,972,370.39
Total Gifts of 1935 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.....	234,643.89
Total Gifts of 1935 Annie W. Armstrong Offering.....	106,564.78

Comparing the totals for this year with those for last we see that our increase in gifts amounts to over \$56,000. It is interesting to note that when we made our first year's report in 1889 our gifts totaled only \$31,000. Our gifts for the forty-eight years of our history amount to almost \$49,000,000.

Let figures talk of study done,
Of classes held, of awards won,
And show how study helps each one
To know the work that must be done.
These figures surely plead that none
This mission study work shall shun.

Mission Study Statistics

Number of Mission Study Classes.....	21,459
In Women's Missionary Societies.....	12,448
In Young People's Organizations.....	33,907
Total.....	203,027
Number Small Seals Awarded.....	3,105
Number Large Seals Awarded.....	

As we study this table we understand why our gifts are large, for "as we know we care, as we care we pray, and as we pray we pay".

Let figures talk of stewardship,
No figure on this record skip;
For such statistics tell in scrip
Advances made in stewardship.

Stewardship Statistics

Number Churches Securing Gift to Missions from Every Resident	233
Woman Member of Church	5,217
Number of Young People in Declamation Contest	2,160
Number of Classes in Stewardship	71,361
Number of Tithers	23,911
Women's Missionary Societies	95,272
Young People's Organizations	
Total	

It is encouraging to note that we have added almost 2,000 tithers during the last year. Doubtless this is due largely to the Stewardship Declamation Contests and the classes in stewardship.

These figures talk in accents clear
And give the record of the year.
They fill our hearts with joy and cheer,
For well we know that each one here
Has helped to make the tale we hear,
And we resolve with hearts sincere
Another year to persevere
In all the work we hold so dear.
If to each plan we all cohere,
And let no hardship interfere,
A greater story we shall hear
When figures talk another year.

The PRESIDENT SPEAKS

THE hour has arrived for the president's annual address to the meeting. A bush of expectancy pervades the audience, for we know that something especially uplifting and inspiring will fall from the lips of our gracious president, Mrs. F. W. Armstrong. Already we have noted with what dignity and poise she presides over the meeting and, as she arises to give her address, we feel a thrill of pride in the charm and Christian womanliness of her whom we have honored with the highest position in our organization.

This year Mrs. Armstrong has based her address on three W.M.U. watchwords: first, on our general watchword—"Laborers together with God"; second, on our watchword for 1936—"As My Father hath sent Me even so send I you"; third, on the watchword adopted for 1937—"Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts". Her subject is "Laborers Together, Commissioned and Empowered". First she shows the nature of our labor: inspired by the Great Commission, encouraged by the history of Christianity and the accomplishments of the W.M.U., and commanding all the powers of body, mind and spirit. She discusses how we are laborers together with others, with our denomination and with God. Then, using the watchword for this year she shows how we are commissioned—sent by Jesus to interpret love even as He was sent as an expression of God's love. She brings her thoughts to a great climax as she speaks of how we are empowered, not by physical strength or power of great armies, but "by My Spirit". The following are extracts from her address:

Laborers together, again we have assembled to review the accomplishments of a year as co-workers. This is a joyfully anticipated experience. It offers another opportunity to realize our genuine and abiding fellowship in the most far-reaching of all enterprises. There is joy in our hearts and a light in our eyes as we greet those whom we love, with whom we work, though "we are separated upon the wall one far from another". With what eager and intent interest we have listened to the record of the year, what a sense of sharing in a work great and

mighty it has brought to each real worker in the ranks. What inspiration it brings to us to press on until the work be finished, its purpose consummated.

Gains in members and organizations are gratifying, not merely that we may have the satisfaction of seeing our growth but because they are an evidence of more lives enlisted more completely in our common task with its highly distinctive purpose, because they show that we are more truly *laborers together*. The record of gifts is cause for rejoicing: not that we would make a show of our giving or alone that it is an evidence of a growing recognition of our obligation as stewards of possessions, but because by and through these gifts the Kingdom has been proclaimed in many and diverse places, because through them men have come to loving and loyal allegiance to Jesus Christ.

The record of gifts, activities and all the multiplied things that enter into our life as "laborers together" combine to form a moving incentive to renewed effort. But they are more: they are sure evidence that this work of our hands and hearts and minds is His work, that verily we are "laborers together with God". But for this fact the work could not survive the mistakes, the failures we have made and the disloyalties of which we have often been guilty. Without Him we are weak and our labors are futile, but *with God* we are made strong, we are invincible, we are conquerors. "If God be for us who can be against us?" His presence and power are ours because the work is His work and because we are fellow-workers with Him.

"As the Father hath sent Me". You and I stand in awe before the majesty and comprehensiveness of the Father's purpose. It was the utter need of mankind and the matchless love of God for His own creation—erring and wandering, lost in sin—which called forth this, the supreme expression of the supreme Being. He came to seek and to save that which was lost. He provided the way, He was the way. "Even so send I you". It was spoken to his comparatively few disciples, but its commission is timeless. Every age, every generation indeed has needed those who would be obedient to the import of this "Even so" of Jesus. A year ago we chose these words as our watchword for 1936. More than half the year lies before us. Have we been true to its message? Shall we even yet "redeem the time?" A watchword should not be merely a phrase from which to make pretty speeches. It should be hidden in our very heart of hearts to fortify, to energize us for all of our tasks. It should be a guide, the loadstar of our lives. "Even so" said Jesus. It is His commission, it cannot be escaped. Jesus said, "The Father worked hitherto and I work". Even so we work, for "we are laborers together with God" and with this assurance Jesus' "even so" becomes possible for us.

Tomorrow you will vote upon the choice of a watchword for the year 1937. Your Executive Committee recommends: "Not by might nor by power but by My Spirit saith the Lord of hosts". It is presumed that by your vote you will adopt this significant passage as the watchword for next year. If ever a world needed to listen to the voice of God—to learn that not in the might of great armies, not in the power of man-made social systems, is the way to happiness and peace and prosperity; if ever a world needed to learn this lesson—it is now. It is true that our suffering, sin-sick world needs the message of this verse, but it is to be our organization watchword. We are to apply it to our organization, to our personal lives as members of this organization. We believe it may be truly said that our Union has lived to serve, that it has not ever sought to use the power it

might exercise in any self-seeking way. It is earnestly hoped that we shall enter into a new experience as we study together the working of the Holy Spirit, but above all we desire that our lives shall be wholly yielded to Him, that we may learn thus the strength which comes by the power of the Spirit in such wholly yielded lives, such completely yielded wills. We and our organizations will thus be *empowered*.

Laborers together in humility and love, with confidence inspired by the blessings of God upon the work we have been permitted to do, we are here assembled to hear of the progress of our work and the advance of the Kingdom of God in our homeland and throughout the earth. What God has seen fit to honor we can regard with satisfaction and pursue with confidence. It is worthy of note that the purpose of our organization so clearly expressed nearly fifty years ago when its constitution was adopted has not been changed: "To stimulate the missionary spirit and the grace of giving among the women and young people of the churches and to aid in collecting funds for missionary purposes to be disbursed through the Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention". Simply and clearly it sets forth the missionary purpose and includes women and young people as its field for cultivation. It bound the women and young people of the several states in a united and undeviating purpose. In this togetherness and singleness of purpose lies our strength. To safeguard and preserve this vital relation we shall ever be mindful, taking care to run not before one another in our several states in plans or program, preserving always the spirit and the reality of our beloved watchword, being truly "laborers together". United, purposeful, zealous, world-visioned, hearts and lives yielded to His will we shall continue to be "laborers together with God".

NEWS FLASHED from around the WORLD

AT the annual meeting we never lose sight of the fact that our mission is worldwide. The missionaries are there, representing the work on home and foreign fields. This year Mrs. F. Y. O. Ling is with us as a personal representative of the W.M.U. of China. Greetings are sent from the W.M.U.'s of other lands. These come as news flashes from around the world to lift up our hearts and make us rejoice over tidings of Kingdom progress. Listen!

Flash! Africa—

Much field work is being done in Africa. Miss Young, the corresponding secretary, has visited every association and with her have gone at least two young women. At one place they put on a "Cleaning Campaign", starting with the home of the pastor, where everything was left shining and in order. In January a fine couple, man and wife, were set apart for young people's work. The women gave \$225 for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, almost twice as much as Miss Young had hoped for. A "Baby Show", in the interest of better African babies, is planned as a part of the W.M.U. program for the coming year.

Flash! Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay—

Miss Minnie McIlroy, speaking for the River Plate Republics, tells us that the past year has been one of real progress. Much emphasis has been placed on peace by the W.M.U. in Argentina. The central theme in this year's convention was "Peace". The new watchword is "Blessed are the peace-makers"; and the hymn is: "Peace, Peace, Sweet Peace". A notable missionary adventure is work among the lepers in Paraguay. Plans were made to establish at once in Rosario, Argentina, a training school for young women.

Flash! Brazil—

From Brazil Miss Minnie Landrum, the corresponding secretary, speaks, bringing greetings from 14,000 members of the Brazilian W.M.U. and expressing thanksgiving for the victories of the past year. Today there are more missionary

societies than churches in Brazil. Almost one-half the W.M.S. and Y.W.A. members are tithers. The women and girls delight in personal work, reporting for last year 223,091 evangelistic visits and conversations. A new special day has been added to their calendar—a day in interest of training students to become leaders. The offering taken on this day last year was sufficient to care for the expenses of five students.

Flash! Central China—

While all China Baptists are celebrating the centennial of the beginning of Baptist work in China the W.M.U. of Central China is celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary. They have twenty-five missionary societies and many young people's organizations. Their goal for the coming year is to become self-supporting. They rejoice because their corresponding secretary, Mrs. Ling, is traveling in the southland.

Flash! North China—

From Mrs. Martha Li, president of the North China W.M.U., come joyful tidings. "We praise God that we went way above our goal in gifts this year. We have also added ten new societies. The woman's department of our seminary has been signally blessed of God. This year sixteen young women will go out from the school".

Flash! Interior China—

Mrs. Eugene Saltee speaks: "The W.M.U. of the Interior China Mission is feeling more its relation to world missions. Progress is being made in the course of study for Christians and inquirers. Tithing is gaining ground".

Flash! Manchuria—

Mrs. C. A. Leonard speaking: "God has given a measure of peace in this part of the world so that the work of the churches is moving forward. Our strongest church is here in Harbin. The missionary society is active and our meetings are spiritually helpful. Mrs. Duan (the Bible woman) and I are making a trip this week to the other churches to strengthen their hands and organize Sunbeam Bands and young people's societies".

Flash! South China—

In the 19th annual meeting of the W.M.U. of South China, held in Canton last October, thirty-two societies out of forty-eight were represented. Last year they raised and spent \$1200 (Mex.). They employed five Bible women.

Flash! China Baptist Centennial—

Miss Lila Watson speaking: "W.M.U. members from many churches in south China gathered during an interim in Dr. Truett's meetings to consider how they could more worthily celebrate the one hundredth year of Baptist missions in China. The following suggestions were made: 'Let us build a chapel in the market town up in Kwongsi Province, where Wang Paak Mo went as the first Chinese Baptist home missionary. Let us send the Gospel beyond our own borders of the Two Kwongs to the Chinese in the cold north region of Manchuria! Let us give additional love offerings to God for His gift of our babies born this centenary year and let us each one make a birthday offering for every year old we are'".

Flash! Happy Valley, Hong Kong, China—

March 13, 1936, in the name of all members of all Baptist Women's Missionary Societies in China a lovely basket of fragrant pink roses was placed on the grave of Henrietta Hall Shuck. There so recently placed and still fresh, were flowers from the W.M.S. of the First Baptist Church in Hong Kong and more from the Hong Kong Church; also a beautiful wreath in the name of the W.M.U.

of Virginia, placed there by Dr. Truett; another in the name of the W.M.U. of the Southern Baptist Convention; another in the name of the Foreign Mission Board; and still another with Dr. Rushbrooke's card bearing the words "For the Baptist World Alliance".

Flash! Japan—

The president of the Japanese W.M.U. says: "Our Union has gone steadily forward during the year. The one new task of the year was giving to the Pastors' Relief Fund. The gifts were the result of doing without a meal once a month, or some left off articles of food that they particularly liked. We rejoice that we could do a little in this way".

Flash! Italy—

Mrs. Whittinghill speaking: "At the last meeting I attended of our little Roman W.M.U. I was given a great sheaf of carnations and roses. Earnest prayers were made for the big hearted sisters of the Southern Baptist Convention. The work in Italy has been rendered more difficult by political conditions but we have not lost faith, for we know much can be done for Him if you will continue to pray for the Italian Baptists, love them, believe in them and stand a while longer at their back. Those of Rome salute you".

Flash! Rumania—

Earl Hester speaking: "The women of Rumania greet their Baptist sisters of America. They are grateful for the James Memorial Training School for young women. At present there are twenty-two girls studying within its walls. We ask your prayers for our young graduates going out to wholly untrained groups of children, young people and women".

Flash! Palestine and Syria—

Mrs. Doreen H. Owens speaking: "Our hands stretch out in pleading that you redouble your efforts to bring the message of salvation back to its birthplace. This land has been waiting for its return so long. We pray that the day will soon come when that message will be sent in great power and a concerted effort be made to recapture the Holy Land for Christ and win for her the name of 'Palestine Regained'".

Flash! Cuba—

Miss Mildred Matthews speaking: "All during the year our Cuban W.M.U. has kept before them the fact that we were to lift the banner of Christ all over the world. 'In the name of our God we will set up our banners' has been faithfully observed by the members of our Cuban W.M.U., and this has indeed been a banner year. Last year we reported over 600 members of our societies and this year we have over 1000. We have made a gain of over \$200 in our gifts. We sent over \$50 to Mrs. Cox as our Cuban W.M.U.'s contribution to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. We have two Full Graded A-1 Unions and more A-1 societies than we had last year. Perhaps our good reports are due to the fact that for a whole year we have had peace in Cuba and the work has gone uninterruptedly, but more than anything else they are due to the fact that Cuban women just naturally love to work and give".

JUBILEE of OUR MISSION LITERATURE

THE W.M.U. is celebrating two jubilees this year. This seems strange when the Union itself is not yet fifty years old. We remember that the Sunbeams started before the W.M.U. Indeed, as we listen to Miss Mather's report on young people's work, given at St. Louis, we decide everything grew out of the Sunbeams, for in a most beautiful and impressive way she centers all reports of young people's organizations around the Sunbeam Jubilee. But this is also the fiftieth anniversary of the beginning of southern Baptist mission literature, and we are re-

minded of this fact more than once while at St. Louis. First we find among the priced literature a new leaflet, prepared by Mrs. H. M. Wharton, giving an interesting narrative of the beginning of our mission literature, the title of the leaflet being "Reddy Pens Proclaiming Missions"; second, in the envelope given each delegate and visitor is a reprint of an old leaflet by Mrs. E. Y. Mullins. Then an hour on the Tuesday afternoon program is given to the Jubilee Celebration. Among the interesting and instructive features of this hour is a sketch of Union periodicals, booklets etc. with special tribute to editors and secretaries of W.M.U. Literature Department. Another feature is a parade called the "Trek of the Tracts", as a representative of each state marches by, carrying a placard showing in distinct and colorful display the name and date of its first mission publication. Let us also join in this Jubilee Celebration as we review the achievements of fifty years of mission literature.

Fifty Years Ago—We must go to Maryland for the beginning of mission literature, as for the beginning of many other things connected with our W.M.U. life. In 1886 the Maryland Baptist Association "appointed a committee and created a fund to develop and foster literature giving information as to the work being done by the mission boards of the convention". The Women's Missionary Societies of Maryland were invited to cooperate in the new venture which of course they joyfully did. Indeed, the Maryland organization and the Home and Foreign Mission Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention combined their literature efforts and worked in such close cooperation that it is difficult to disentangle the threads enough to say just which organization did which work. But we do know that the important work of distributing mission literature started fifty years ago and developed rapidly. When the W.M.U. was organized in 1888 it at once became closely allied with the Maryland publication work. The first headquarters were located in Baltimore, Maryland, in a room over the Baptist Book Store, this space being graciously given by Dr. H. M. Wharton. The first publication of the Woman's Missionary Union was a leaflet bearing the rather lengthy name, "Sketch and Constitution of Woman's Mission Societies and Fields of Work of S.B.C.".

Some Important Dates

1888—During the first year of W.M.U. the output of literature amounted to 113,992 copies.

1892—The W.M.U. published leaflets for the celebration of the William Carey Centennial.

1895—Mission study was suggested to W.M.U. in the meeting at Washington when the Sunday School Board urged the Union to emphasize the study of missionary lessons in *Kind Words*.

1896—Sunday School Missionary Day was inaugurated, the W.M.U. preparing programs and mite boxes for it.

1906—W.M.U. Literature Department was established. *Our Mission Fields*, a quarterly magazine containing monthly missionary programs, was first published in this year.

1914—*Our Mission Fields* became a monthly periodical with the name *Royal Service*.

1920—*Royal Service* became an independent publication.

1923—Miss Ethel Winfield became secretary of the W.M.U. Literature Department.

1929—*The Window of Y.H.A.* was started by a gift of \$1600 from the W.M.U. Literature Department.

View of Today's Work

Our W. M. U. literature work of today is divided into three parts. First: we have our free literature, published by the Union but distributed from the W. M. U. headquarters in the different states. This includes literature for the special seasons of prayer, mite boxes, envelopes etc. Last year the distribution of this literature totaled 1,023,417 leaflets; 41,200 stewardship cards and titling boxes; 40,075 alabaster and young people's offering boxes; and 1,045,130 offering envelopes.

In the second place we have our W. M. U. Literature Department at headquarters in Birmingham, Alabama, with Miss Ethel Winfield as secretary. This department handles all priced literature, pins, emblems etc. and is self-supporting. The amount invested in priced leaflets during the last twenty-five years is almost \$36,000.

In the third place we have our three missionary magazines. At the close of the last fiscal year *Royal Service*—which is said to have the largest subscription list of any woman's religious magazine in the world—had 75,562 subscribers; *The Window of Y. W. A.* had 9,072 subscribers; and *World Comrades* had 17,697.

The W. M. U. has some special literature achievements to her credit. Since 1928 there has been a fund known as the Nimmo Literature Fund, established by the W. M. U. Literature Department as a memorial to the name and labors of Mrs. W. R. Nimmo, for many years the guiding spirit of the W. M. U. Literature Department. This fund is used for the translation of literature to promote W. M. U. work in Cuba and China. Last year an especial accomplishment of the Literature Department was the publishing of 15,000 copies of a new leaflet, "A New Emphasis on Jewish Evangelism through Personal Service". These were turned over to Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus for distribution. One feature of the Jubilee Celebration is the beginning of a memorial gift to the Woman's Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention to help Negro Baptist women establish a department of literature. The gift shall be made annually until the Negro women find themselves able to carry the work alone, the Union's three magazines to join with the Literature Department in providing the gift each year.

Fifty years of mission literature! Who can measure its influence? We wonder if the literature, published during the fifty years, were laid down on the ground if it would not cover every inch of southern Baptist territory. Surely it has penetrated into the minds and hearts of southern Baptist women and young people and has produced an interest in missions that covers the earth. The fifty years of mission literature rival the fifty years of Sunbeam shining and together they bring us to this jubilee year when, with jubilant rejoicing, we celebrate the two great missionary movements started fifty years ago.

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Where did the Southern Baptist Convention meet this year?
2. What is the relationship between the W. M. U. and the S. B. C.?
3. What is the total number of organizations of the W. M. U. of the south?
4. How many of these organizations are in our own church?
5. How many members of W. M. U. organizations in the south?
6. How many members in our own organizations?
7. What were the total gifts of the W. M. U. last year?
8. How many tithers in W. M. U. organizations?
9. Give some news flashes of W. M. U. work around the world.

10. What two jubilee celebrations are we having this year?
11. Tell of the beginnings of mission literature.
12. Mention some important dates in the history of mission literature.
13. Tell of the service rendered by the W. M. U. through the distribution of free literature.
14. Tell of the work of the Literature Department.
15. Tell of some special literature work done by the W. M. U.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

The Window of Y. W. A. —World Comrades
Home and Foreign Fields —State Baptist Papers
Minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention 1936
Minutes of the W. M. U. Annual Meeting 1936

ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG OFFERING for HOME MISSIONS

ECSTASY and gratitude "met and kissed each other" when it was announced at the recent May meeting in St. Louis that every cause had been provided for as listed in the \$105,000 goal of the 1936 Annie W. Armstrong Offering for Home Missions. By May 8 the Home Mission Board had actually received \$102,875.84 which was \$1,327.87 more than its total receipts for the 1935 Annie W. Armstrong Offering. At St. Louis the state W. M. U. secretaries reported a total of \$113,575.77; the difference between this total and the goal of \$105,000 is being retained by several states for expenses incident to ingathering the offering or is being designated for other phases of home mission work. Immeasurably good was God, devotedly generous were the donors to make possible the full help as outlined in the \$105,000 goal.

AWARDS of HONOR to POSTERS in W. M. U. EXHIBIT at ST. LOUIS

Prayer—*First Honor*, Alabama
Mission Study—*First Honor*, Mississippi; *Second Honor*, Texas
Missionary Periodicals—*First Honor*, Texas; *Second Honor*, New Mexico
Personal Service—*First Honor*, District of Columbia; *Second Honor*, Kentucky
Stewardship—*First Honor*, North Carolina; *Second Honor*, Texas
Missionary Education of Young People—*First Honor*, North Carolina; *Second Honor*, Georgia
Young People's Organizations:
Sunbeam Bands—*First Honor*, South Carolina; *Second Honor*, Alabama
Royal Ambassador Chapters—*First Honor*, Maryland
Girls' Auxiliaries—*First Honor*, Tennessee; *Second Honor*, Kentucky
Young Women's Auxiliaries—*First Honor*, Louisiana
Sunbeam Fiftieth Anniversary—*First Honor*, Virginia; *Second Honor*, Mississippi
Shack Centennial—*First Honor*, Virginia
White Cross—*First Honor*, Georgia; *Second Honor*, North Carolina
Margaret Fund—*First Honor*, Illinois; *Second Honor*, New Mexico
W. M. U. Training School—*First Honor*, W. M. U. Training School Exhibit



MARGARET FUND



Chairman: Mrs. Frank Burney, Waynesboro, Ga.

"I have remembrance of thee in my prayers"—II Tim. 1:3



"Laborers together with God" was the theme of the annual W. M. U. meeting in St. Louis. Your Margaret Fund Committee members and workers are "laborers together with God" in a very peculiar fashion. They labor to build for Woman's Missionary Union a great remembrance.

Webster says a remembrance is also a memory, a memorial. Your Margaret Fund is a memorial that stands as a reminder that *together* Baptist women have undertaken and are developing a great educational fund. This memorial has been a great burden lifter for our missionaries around the world. Its labors have aided in cheering and blessing precious young lives, sons and daughters of our missionaries.

Remember it was in 1916 that the first 8 students were granted scholarships and, during these twenty years now, 295 students have been assisted. \$266,425 have been given in scholarships. Virginia gave a larger amount on this apportionment this year than any state.

Although 65 students were granted aid, only 63 finally requested help during this scholastic year. \$15,075 were given in scholarships. Faithfully, tenderly, lovingly these students have been *remembered* this past year. The state reports reveal greater interest, greater joy in this service and greater amount of gifts, boxes, cash etc. than ever before. What joy, peace and happiness have come to the hearts of these students, so far from parents: in these labors you have "remembered the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said it is more blessed to give than to receive". \$4,432 have been contributed in love gifts: Georgia led; Oklahoma, second; Kentucky, third. 72 students are requesting aid this next year.

Tennessee again received this year the white satin "Forget-Me-Not Banner" for enrolling the largest number of Margarets in our Margaret Memorial Book. Though \$2 is the minimum gift for enrolling a "Margaret" many larger gifts were gratefully recorded—\$889 received: Tennessee, first; North Carolina, second; Kentucky, third.

We praise our Heavenly Father that many of our students have learned to "remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth" and are giving themselves in definite active missionary labors. "Together with God" we behold the Margaret Fund as a real missionary agency and by the blessings of God we are privileged to help mould and polish vessels fit for His service. We rejoice that of the 26 new missionaries appointed by our Foreign Board in 1935 seven of these are our former students—Helen Dozier, Lois Glass, Deaver Lawton, Harriett Kling, Alexander Henning, Helen Bagby and Edith Deter Oliver. Mary Shepard sailed in May to Brazil to become the secretary of our South American secretary, Dr. W. C. Taylor.

"With God" is our dear Mrs. W. C. Lowndes. "The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance"—Psa. 112:6. Because we have "labored together" with her and because we desire to honor her labors and remember her, the Elizabeth Lowndes Scholarship is almost completed. North Carolina led all states in this memorial this year, Oklahoma second with only \$1 less and Tennessee third. Mrs. Lowndes' influence will be felt throughout the ages, her name will live in the Elizabeth Lowndes Scholarship. Methinks I can almost hear her say: "This is my memorial unto all generations"—Ex. 3:15.

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TRAINING SCHOOL



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

COMMENCEMENT



On Monday evening, April 27, 1936, Woman's Missionary Union Training School held its twenty-ninth commencement in Heck Memorial Chapel, Louisville, Kentucky. Hallowed memories cluster around House Beautiful and particularly is this true of the chapel which memorializes the life and work of Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, beloved president of W.M.U. for fifteen years. "House Beautiful" takes its name from the title given by Bunyan in "Pilgrim's Progress" to the house of learning for the "daughters".

A large assemblage of expectant friends gathered on this occasion to honor the class of '36 and express their interest in the service of this great institution. The processional, from the "Pageant of Darkness and Light", was sung with perfect rhythm as the young women marched down the center aisle of the chapel.

"Through every pulse the music stole,
And held divine communion with the soul!"

Preceding the white robed seniors were members of the faculty who took their places on the platform. The faculty is composed of several professors of the Southern Baptist Seminary, Dr. C. L. McGinty and four women teachers. Miss Claudia Edwards, musical director, had selected appropriate musical numbers which were impressively rendered by the well-trained chorus. Dr. John R. Sampey, president of the Seminary, offered the invocation.

Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary of the Sunday School Board, was the guest speaker. His subject was "The Sun Path around the World". His fine address cannot be described adequately here. He told of valleys and

shadows on the pathway, also hilltops of victory. It was brightened by bits of humor, which seem to be "indigenous" to Dr. Holcomb. To the graduates he said: "You not only have your marching orders, but you have a message to carry. It is a pathway of service and you will rejoice in it. As you travel this sun path around the world, may the Sun of Righteousness ever shine upon you and lead the way".

Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, principal, delivered the charge to the graduates and presented three certificates, six Bachelor of Religious Education and thirteen Master of Religious Education diplomas. This year sixteen states have been represented in the boarding department, with a total enrollment of sixty seven boarding students and twenty-three day students. Miss Littlejohn reminded the graduates that they were not the best but just one of the best classes that has ever gone out, that they must think of themselves as average people working in commonplace situations with duties to perform that were often more or less insignificant. Thus she sought to bring into true focus their ideals of Christian service in the years ahead.

We congratulate Miss Littlejohn and her co-workers on the fine quality of Kingdom workers that they have given to the world. This institution is the flowering branch of the W.M.U. family tree. Its fruits are on the "sun path around the world". One hundred and eighty-three have given service in foreign lands. A large number is at work in the homeland. Many occupy positions of great responsibility in W.M.U. work. As we look upon this fine group now going out to assume new duties we could imagine the voice of Miss Heck, whose portrait looked down upon them from the chapel wall, saying: "Lead the young women gently in places of joyous responsibility".

"Lead on, O King Eternal!
We follow not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning
Where'er Thy face appears;
Thy cross is lifted o'er us;
We journey in its light:
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might!"

—Mrs. V. I. Masters, Ky.

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BOOK REVIEWS



Miss Willie Jean Stewart, Tennessee

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

Christ's Gift to the Churches;
Ruth Carver Gardner; Broadman
Press, Nashville; 1936; 120 pages;
cloth 60 cents, paper 35 cents

THIS first study book offered by the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention sets a high mark for any that may follow. Ruth Carver Gardner is peculiarly well fitted to write it, since she is the granddaughter, daughter and wife of preachers and, in addition, writes with notable clarity and simplicity of style touched with that sanity and sense of proportion which comes of not taking oneself too seriously!

Mrs. Gardner does take the Christian ministry seriously, however, and the part the church membership must play in developing great preachers, as well. "There is no stimulation to a mighty and prophetic ministry like an alert and responsive congregation", she says. And surely every church member would face and try to meet his responsibility for the ministry if he should read and ponder the vivid, yet restrained picture of the minister's financial and old age problems as given in chapters 4, 5, especially. The book entirely fulfills its author's purpose which she outlines as follows: "To study the relationship of pastor and people in the light of this conception (Eph. 4:15): first, as to the place of preaching in God's redemptive purpose; second, as to the qualifications of the good minister of Jesus Christ; third, as to the mutual obligations of church and pastor; fourth, as to the relation of financial problems to the pastor's task; and finally, as to the obligation of Christians to insure to the ministry security and reasonable comfort down to the end of the journey".

The Bible a Missionary Book: J. B. Lawrence of Home Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta; 1936; 180 Pages; Price, 35 cents

THE pages of this book are set solid in eight point type, and its sentences and paragraphs are packed solid with information. One who undertakes to read it will find that it is distinctly a book to study—not to study in a week, as the author points out in his Foreword, but to study every day over a period of time commensurate with the importance of its theme, which is: "The Redemptive Purpose of God, Which Is the Basis for Missions".

Believing "that each book in the Bible has a distinct and essential place in the revelation of God's purpose and plan to redeem and save the world and, when rightly interpreted, blends into the teachings of all the other books to produce the most beautiful unity and harmony", Dr. Lawrence sets out to prove his case by giving a brief analysis of each of the sixty-six books of the Bible. In this analysis he sets out, clearly, the distinctive contribution which the book makes to God's redemptive and missionary plans, with due reference not only to its subject matter but also to the times in which it was given and the persons to whom it was addressed: that is, to Jews, gentiles or believers in Jesus.

Thoroughly conservative in its point of view and avoiding controversial issues, the book should not only blaze a trail for better understanding of the missionary implications of the Bible as a whole but should also serve admirably as an outline for group or individual study of the Bible itself.



CURRENT MISSIONARY EVENTS



Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

The American Bible Society announces the recent publication of a New Testament and Psalms for use in Ponape, largest of the Caroline Islands. Five nationalities participated in this project. It was translated by Germans, printed in England, financed by Americans, distributed by Japanese and used by Ponapians.

The report is made in *The United Press* that the eldest son of Mahatma Gandhi has announced his purpose to become a Christian for which reason his father has ostracized him. May the young Gandhi find strength in the Lord, remembering "when my father and my mother forsake me, then Jehovah will take me up".

Miss Isabelle Coleman, writing from China to the *Religious Herald*, tells of the joy she had in worshiping in the Old North Gate Church in Shanghai and in receiving from the hands of the beloved Miss Willie Kelly, who is a deaconess, the elements of her first communion in China.

The Southern Presbyterian Church is observing its Diamond Jubilee in a forward movement in which daily Bible reading is given a prominent place. The Jubilee theme is "Christ and His Church First"—*Missionary Review of the World*.

The Central America Evangelical Bible Institute is training native young people for places of responsibility, since the nationalistic trend in that country may result in a situation similar to that in Mexico. The graduates of this institution are doing splendid sacrificial work under severe handicaps and even persecution.

The *Missionary Review of Australia* commenting on the work in the Fiji Islands says: "The Jubilee Celebration in 1885 marked the

turning of a whole people of Fiji from darkness to light, elementary though their Christian knowledge. At the Centenary Celebration in 1935 further change was expressed in one phrase 'Fiji is reborn'".

Dr. John R. Mott, chairman of the International Missionary Council, said at the Foreign Missions Conference last winter: "If Christianity should die out in America, it would come back to us from the mission fields".

The Luther Rice Centennial Committee—made up of representatives from the Baptist World Alliance, the Northern and the Southern Baptist Conventions and the Columbia Association of Churches and other committees appointed by them—is busy preparing for appropriate recognition of the centennial of the death of Luther Rice, which will be September 25, 1936.

All Sunday school and other Christian workers will have their attention centered in the month of July on the meeting of the World's Sunday School Convention meeting in Oslo, Norway. The convention will be composed of delegates representing every country to which the Sunday school has gone. Speakers of international renown will be on the program.

Early in the year the Home Mission Board appointed to work among the Chinese in Greenville and Cleveland, Mississippi, Shan Van Lee, a Chinese Baptist minister; David Calhoun to work in the mountain section of Kentucky; and Gloria Ruiz, daughter of a missionary, to do school and other mission work in El Paso, Texas.

The people of a Christian church in a village in Africa being too poor to give enough money to build a church large enough to house their big congregation prayed for help from America. In direct answer to their prayers they received a gift of \$5000 for the erection of a brick church from an individual who is also drawing the plans for the church. "The lack of surprise on the part of the natives", says the *Presbyterian Banner*, "when they heard that the money had been given was the wonder. They had prayed for it, hadn't they? Naturally they would receive it".

A YEAR'S FINANCIAL RECORD

January 1 to December 31, 1935

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, AUXILIARY to S.B.C., MRS. W. J. COX, TREASURER

STATES	Reported by State Treasurers as Having Been Contributed by W.M.U. Members						Received by W.M.U. Treasurer				Total Cash
	100,000 Club and Other Paying Campaign	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Ministerial Relief	Christian Education	State and Other Objects in S.B.C. Program	Margaret Fund and Training School	Training School Current Expenses Ex. Com.	Scholarship Fund	Special Gifts	
Alabama.....	\$ 3,632.00	\$ 22,702.06	\$ 10,644.14	\$ 2,148.70	\$ 17,575.54	\$ 29,304.15	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 107.46	\$ 585.00	\$ 47.00	\$ 88,636.14
Arizona.....		398.36	255.13	6.13	15.04	758.66	44.50	2.94			1,480.75
Arkansas.....	2,476.30	17,911.24	5,050.75	417.51	2,858.27	21,939.02	1,000.00	70.65	600.00	\$23.43	\$2,447.17
District of Columbia.....		4,473.70	3,856.40			9,837.50		33.10			18,200.70
Florida.....	925.00	15,402.10	6,524.51	1,280.47	5,050.25	23,375.51	500.00	144.96	200.00	11.80	\$3,534.23
Georgia.....	9,742.86	23,322.90	8,815.44	16.25	94.18	*128,574.96	3,312.08	150.17	400.00	48.40	*174,517.24
Illinois.....	832.74	3,306.00	1,397.20	5.00	152.40	15,227.72	380.84	10.15	200.00	17.00	21,620.15
Kentucky.....	7,406.14	40,333.31	18,410.34	3,212.65	18,983.70	44,673.28	3,124.00	336.03	808.48	75.11	137,363.04
Louisiana.....	3,945.19	10,761.52	6,765.92	438.16	4,339.98	24,556.22	400.00	87.26	60.00	8.00	\$1,362.25
Maryland.....	163.10	6,704.53	2,235.76	666.67	933.13	8,191.61	200.00		200.00	100.00	19,395.00
Mississippi.....	7,377.84	16,700.84	9,967.54	735.88	6,751.59	15,967.45	2,020.00	149.27	500.00	31.53	\$6,196.54
Missouri.....		19,580.88	9,870.78	672.38	7,046.18	14,223.57	2,076.00	123.47	400.00	40.00	\$4,033.26
New Mexico.....		1,109.71	831.05		25.18	1,684.90	25.00	5.17		10.00	3,743.21
North Carolina.....	2,753.44	62,714.80	22,466.44	3,240.59	9,977.20	92,015.36	2,400.00	446.74	1,400.00	377.04	\$97,961.61
Oklahoma.....		14,900.45	5,407.90	904.00	9,256.29	20,789.21	1,500.00		200.00	218.00	\$3,265.85
South Carolina.....	898.16	\$50,764.39	17,514.94	3,173.45	16,719.68	52,544.56	1,430.00	367.36	800.00		\$44,246.54
Tennessee.....	11,725.96	44,814.92	20,358.93	3,721.91	27,786.94	48,747.96	2,171.60	481.60	1,000.00	234.05	\$61,093.92
Texas.....	18,159.60	68,446.95	26,360.78	9,192.93	69,224.15	199,111.91	2,400.00	275.29		50.35	\$93,222.27
Virginia.....		\$125,774.24	22,811.89	6,509.31	18,581.21	87,581.21	4,000.00	761.39	230.00	6.00	\$85,841.86
Special Gifts.....								9.66		201.00	210.66
Total Gifts	\$ 70,039.41	\$550,361.83	\$199,752.84	\$ 36,401.01	\$215,187.12	\$835,680.40	\$28,854.02	\$31,652.69	\$ 7,583.46	\$ 1,616.71	\$1,972,370.30

*This amount includes \$108,962.10 given through the Cooperative Program and distributed according to the Georgia plan.

†These amounts were sent through the Executive Committee S.B.C.

‡This amount includes \$12,000 given by Miss Varina D. Brown, Anderson, S.C., for Foreign Missions.

§Virginia gave \$24,232.71 through the Wade Bryant Debt Paying Plan, and is included in the Foreign Mission total. Value of boxes to Missionaries and Orphanages \$88,457.18. Total cash and boxes \$2,060,827.77.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, AUXILIARY to SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION FIRST QUARTERLY REPORT, JANUARY 1 TO APRIL 1, 1936 MRS. W. J. COX, TREASURER

STATES	Reported by State Treasurers as Having Been Contributed by Their Respective Branches						Received by W.M.U. Treasurer				Cash Totals
	Debt Paying Campaign	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Ministerial Relief	Christian Education	State Missions and Other Objects in S.B.C. Program	Margaret Fund and W.M.U. Training School	W.M.U. Training School	Specials		
Alabama.....	\$ 930.97	\$ 3,673.82	\$ 5,520.47	\$ 458.28	\$ 16,800.65	\$ 5,865.10	\$ 450.00	\$ 48.06	\$ 171.00		\$ 20,801.34
Arizona.....		37.84	17.56	4.19	11.41	202.87	4.10	2.6	5.00		290.17
Arkansas.....	882.26	1,016.03	2,050.01	94.47	545.08	4,243.16	276.00	17.57	12.00		9,154.58
D. C.....		119.14						12.40			131.62
Florida.....	475.22	4,062.73	2,710.61	408.73	1,590.67	4,378.46	124.98	74.17	10.00		11,810.57
Georgia.....	2,778.37	3,607.71	7,866.51	2.25	81.79	20,220.03	565.18	45.04	10.00		44,176.90
Illinois.....	830.20	474.84	1,747.51	7.00		9,692.56	302.82	1.00	10.00		12,867.93
Kentucky.....	1,948.72	9,488.21	8,285.50	761.77	4,281.84	8,775.25	781.00	78.31	20.00	14.85	34,419.49
Louisiana.....		756.72	5,509.80	105.95	1,049.15	5,901.81		25.98	10.00		12,759.61
Maryland.....	26.00	824.82	1,772.35	167.15	1,874.65			12.35	10.00		4,854.37
Mississippi.....	3,504.63	1,352.69	4,348.19	101.12	1,150.54	1,593.08		24.83	200.00	12.00	12,087.08
Missouri.....		6,465.75	4,143.33	191.27	3,893.11	2,634.90	419.00	13.44	200.00		16,080.89
New Mexico.....		135.28	1,001.60			97.75	25.00	1.53			1,261.16
N. Carolina.....	850.09	3,085.30	11,936.83		276.92	30,737.54		108.73	110.00		47,114.41
Oklahoma.....		6,902.45	3,397.82	198.42	1,462.40	4,896.59	575.00		10.00		17,432.68
S. Carolina.....	274.75	4,226.63	6,658.59	571.21	3,011.95	8,566.48		102.04	14.00		23,425.65
Tennessee.....	2,819.14	8,302.35	12,417.71	1,042.71	7,681.68	10,810.27		132.00	126.25		43,332.11
Texas.....	5,080.90	8,149.85	16,759.05	827.85	13,981.52	42,730.16		54.89	48.55		87,612.77
Virginia.....	2,962.56	16,506.44	14,240.36	1,491.91	8,881.86	17,657.20	1,000.00	226.02	20.00	14.00	63,052.37
Special.....								2.91			2.91
Totals	\$23,372.81	\$78,979.48	\$110,702.96	\$ 6,338.30	\$49,751.94	\$189,256.04	\$ 4,227.48	\$ 1,004.95	\$ 565.00	\$ 689.65	\$464,888.61

Value of boxes—\$4,966.47

ROYAL SERVICE UP-KEEP and OUTLOOK

REMARKABLY fine is the record of the first four months of 1936 as to renewals and new subscriptions for ROYAL SERVICE, being more than half of the year's goal. Unmeasured is the magazine's gratitude to each individual and circle and society that thus renewed or newly subscribed. But "eternal vigilance" is definitely needed and earnestly besought in behalf of the up-keep of the magazine throughout each succeeding month. The outlook is bright in proportion as individuals and circles and societies loyally enable their state to reach its quota for this calendar year in renewals and new subscriptions for ROYAL SERVICE.

Name of State	Quotas for 1936	Four Months' Receipts	Yet to Be Secured
Ala.	5585	2987	2598
Ark.	2185	1211	974
Ariz.	130	42	88
D. C.	160	67	93
Fla.	2760	1053	1707
Ga.	7395	4603	2792
Ill.	1115	557	558
Ky.	5550	2837	2713
La.	3125	1799	1326
Md.	530	208	322
Miss.	4590	2343	2247
Mo.	4980	2313	2667
N. M.	435	213	222
N. C.	8950	4773	4177
Okla.	3450	1379	2071
S. C.	6090	3774	2316
Tenn.	5730	3201	2529
Tex.	7910	3104	4806
Va.	8250	4414	3836
Misc.		243	
Totals	78,920	41,121	38,042



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