

# Royal Service



Jesus went about all Galilee teaching . . . preaching . . . and healing.— *Matt. 4:23*  
They forsook their nets and followed Him.— *Mark 1:18*

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## EDITORIAL

### WHY?

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



Preparation for the Season of Prayer for Foreign Missions takes first place in W.M.U. life the world around at this time of the year, and again the question recurs, "Why pray?" It is a question not difficult to face because with each experience there come answers more comprehensive, more satisfying, more conclusive.

Why pray? Because the perennial need of my own heart prompts me to seek the source of supply; because my personal experiences have been such as to justify the habit of prayer; because I have seen evidences of God's answer to prayer. Because prayer releases power, I am summoned to faithfulness in prayer.

Why pray for foreign missions Nov. 30-Dec. 4? As a redeemed soul I am mindful that God so loved the world

that He gave that supreme gift, His well beloved Son; I am concerned that all the people of all the world shall know that matchless expression of Love; I am, by my own acceptance of Him, obligated to bear the good news even to the uttermost part of the world. Conscious of my physical limitations to meet this obligation I gratefully accept the means provided whereby I may join fellow-Christians, becoming sharer with them as bearers of the Gospel message. I bring my gifts, that others may "go tell", and I pray that God's infinite power may speed the message and bless the messengers.

Why follow the program and plans for united prayer for foreign missions Nov. 30-Dec. 4? I know that thousands of women and young people, fellow-members with me in W.M.U., will be praying daily as I pray. I remember that as we have so prayed together in other years the glad footsteps of the missionary messengers have been quickened, that from their Spirit-touched lips veritable words of life have flowed, that their ministering hands have been strengthened, that sin-darkened lives have felt the power of the quickening Spirit. Because in our fellowship of prayer—definite prayer for specified needs—power has been multiplied for these our co-workers in the far-away places, I joyously enter upon this season of carefully planned united prayer. I urge others to participate. Jesus said: "If two of you shall agree as touching anything you shall ask, it shall be done". How more powerful if the approximately six hundred thousand members of W.M.U. shall agree in asking blessings on foreign mission work and workers! Because with God is power and because I know God answers prayer, I join my fellow-members in W.M.U. in this special planned program of prayer for foreign missions.

The season approaches when we celebrate the birthday of the Prince of Peace. The world is torn with war and rumors of war. Until He is crowned Lord in human hearts there can be no peace. Therefore I pray for the consummation of the prophecy of the "herald angels". I pray that He may rule my heart and life and the hearts and lives of my fellow Christians everywhere. I join with you in prayer that men the world around may come to know Him whom to know is life here and hereafter, everlasting. Nothing restricts our privilege of prayer; through prayer we touch the source of infinite Power; through prayer we may go into all the world; through prayer we may give to our missionaries that surest of all support. Therefore why not pray Nov. 30-Dec. 4 for southern Baptist foreign missions?

## PREPARING for PRAYER WEEK

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#### APPRECIATION and APPEAL of FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

##### Restoration and Rehabilitation



The foreign mission work of southern Baptists was static between the years 1924 and 1934. This decade will always be known on the mission field as the decade of lost opportunities. The Foreign Mission Board was unable to send any new missionaries during these tragic years and everywhere the property of the Board went to pieces for lack of funds for repairs. On the mission fields of the Board I have seen missionary homes, school and college buildings, chapels and hospitals rapidly going to pieces because there were no funds for repairs. Missionaries have grown discouraged and sick, waiting for missionary recruits and reinforcements that never came. Many missionaries are broken and have fallen by the wayside under the strain of it all. From a total of 544 missionaries in 1924, we fell to 372 in 1935. A total of 44 aged, sick and broken missionaries are now on our emeritus list. Surely these ten years have been years of disaster and tragedy for our foreign mission work.

But the picture is not all dark. There are lights and shadows intermingled. The first ray of dawn came with the gloriously triumphant Lottie Moon Christmas Offering of 1933. The disastrous and heart-breaking retreat of ten years' duration was definitely checked and a decided advance was made.

The Board was able to send out a few new missionary recruits and replacements and some equipment so desperately needed was provided. Two hospitals in China have been repaired and reopened largely through the generosity of the Woman's Missionary Union. Publication houses and Seminaries and Training Schools have been kept open and have been enabled to continue their blessed ministries because of the relief given through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offerings.

I am writing this statement in Victoria, Brazil. How I wish I could convey to the W.M.U. of the south the impressions that have come to me during the crowded days! Mr. and Mrs. Reno struggled on through thirty-one years without adequate equipment and support for the growing work. Then the gift of \$20,000 came from the Woman's Missionary Union. What did it accomplish? I can hardly believe it after seeing it with my own eyes! A magnificent, well equipped and inspiring school building that would have cost \$50,000 in the United States. Besides this, one-third of the gift was used to assist and stimulate the four churches in the city to build worthy and adequate houses of worship. The First Church would be a credit to any city in the south. All of this equipment came with the gift of \$20,000 from the W.M.U. of the south. The school has given us a standing in this city that never could have come to our work here, without this gift. There is a debt of \$5,000 on a property all told of \$100,000 in value. In two night services in the church some twenty-five people made decisions for Christ during our visit in Victoria.

Pathetic indeed are the stories, that come to me everywhere on the mission fields, of long years of pleading for recruits and equipment that never came or came sometimes too late. Just as dear Brother Reno secured the equipment for which he had been pleading so long, the tired body collapsed and God called him Home.

We plead with an anxious and burdened heart for the 1936 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. If the women and W.M.U. young people of the south should fail us in this desperate hour, tragic indeed would be the plight of your Foreign Mission Board. But you have never failed us. You will not fail this time!—Dr. Charles E. Meddry, Executive Secretary of Foreign Mission Board



## EVERY MEMBER CANVASS



(Genuinely grateful is this magazine for the following article by Dr. J. E. Dilard, S.B.C. Director of Promotion.)

### WHAT CAN OUR WOMEN DO?

**W**HAT can our women do to promote the program of southern Baptists? Better ask: What is it they cannot do? They can do nearly anything that needs to be done in a Baptist church, and they are doing the most of the things that are being done in the majority of our churches. In many of our churches women and girls constitute more than one-half of the membership, two-thirds of the attendance at the preaching services, three-fourths of those present at the prayer meeting, four-fifths of the teachers in the Sunday school, five-sixths of the leaders in children's and young people's organizations, six-sevenths of the tithees, and nine-tenths of those systematically studying missions.

You women can be depended upon to help, and you are helping in all our church and denominational work. But there are a few things you can and will do better.

**You can improve your missionary organizations.** Less than half of the women and girls in our churches attend these meetings, and many who do are irregular. Have you prayerfully studied the problem? Have you been as solicitous in trying to win them as an insurance agent or automobile salesman is to sell a live prospect? Have your programs been entertaining as well as instructive? Has the atmosphere of the meeting been cordial and winsome? Have you sometimes stressed financial needs in such a way as to discourage some one? Have you made the meetings so helpful that the folk want to come again? Check up on your Standard of Excellence, and check up on your temperature and cordiality.

**You can help promote our program by making more of your three seasons of prayer.** What glorious seasons these are! And how thrilling to think of 14,000 organizations praying for state missions, and 16,000 praying for home missions, and 17,000 praying for foreign missions! And the amazing results of these meetings in substantial contributions to Kingdom work!

But every organization you have and every member ought to get the benefit and contribute to the results of these meetings. You *can* make them even better, and you *will*.

**A third thing you women can do is to help put on the Every Member Canvass.** The Cooperative Program is the first and the main thing in supporting all the work of our denomination, local and world wide. Nothing should interfere with this. All other offerings should be "over and above". Every member of every church should have a part in it.

The Cooperative Program cannot succeed unless the Every Member Canvass is put on intensively and extensively. By an "Every Member Canvass" we mean the solicitation of every member of the church for a weekly subscription to both the local expenses and the Cooperative Program which includes both the state and south-wide work of our denomination.

You can help put on the Every Member Canvass by assuring your pastor of your sympathy and willingness to help; by attending the special meetings called to get ready; by joining the study classes in missions and stewardship; by assisting in preparing the subscription cards; by soliciting members, especially members

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## STEWARDSHIP SUGGESTIONS



Southwide Stewardship Chairman: Mrs. Carter Wright, Alabama

### The GIFT of GIVING



Perhaps we have not thoroughly understood and so have missed God's way of giving us, in trying to solve the problem of our present denominational situation, we have "lit our own fires and walked in the light of them". May God help us to seek the true light from His Word.

Only one who is born of the Spirit is able to bring any acceptable offering to God—"The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to Jehovah". Furthermore, only that child of His whose heart is right before Him is permitted to lay any gift on the altar of the Holy One, our Lord—"If therefore, thou art offering thy gift on the altar and rememberest that thy brother hath sought against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother and then come and offer thy gift". Evidently from this and Amos 5:22 many so-called gifts have never been received of the Lord.

In II Cor. 8:9 however, God lays down the principles which govern all true giving. In the first place, it is a gift in itself, the work of His grace; as faith and love, it is the natural expression of His own Holy Spirit. It is all of Him: He creates the desire to give and then bountifully supplies the means to do it—"See that ye abound in this grace also. . . . God is able to make all grace abound unto you that ye having all sufficiency in all things may abound unto every good work . . . and He, that supplieth seed to the sower, shall supply and multiply your seed for

sowing . . . ye being enriched in everything unto all liberality . . . thanks be to God for His unspeakable Gift!" through Whom it is His purpose that we should also be enabled to "offer unto Jehovah offerings in righteousness".

If therefore the desire to give comes from Him and if means are furnished by His grace, who of us has any excuse for not drawing upon His infinite supply and becoming liberal givers as children of the King? To face the question honestly is to admit our failure to be the result of our own spiritual poverty. Since denominational needs are but the accumulation of individual obligations, our debt is a personal indictment before God of our spiritual lack. God has not been allowed to express Himself through us or we would "take thought for things honorable not only in the sight of the Lord but also in the sight of all men". Our Father longs to teach us how to give! And His ways would need no methods for creating enthusiasm or raising money, such as speakers, drives etc.; for the love of God constrains us.

Now as the attention of each circle member will be drawn to the question of our denominational debts, may we lay bare our hearts to the search-light of the Holy Spirit, and may we confess the sin—our lack of His grace—together with whatever He may reveal. And yielding ourselves honestly to Him to be cleansed and renewed within (no longer our own), may we take from God the fulness of His own Spirit, thus in our obedience being transformed by Him in living—and in giving.—Miss Mary Herring, N. C.

Interest your church in the "PROVE ME PLAN" by presenting the playlet by that title. From your state W.M.U. headquarters you may secure free copies of this playlet—The "Prove Me Plan" . . . The Only Plan . . . God's Plan.



## SOCIETY METHODS



### CIRCLE YEAR BOOKS

THE members of the Susan Anderson Circle of the Woman's Missionary Society to which I belong made their 1936 year books round instead of the customary oblong shape, (*shaped like a circle being appropriate for a circle*). The covers were of light weight white cardboard and were edged with gilt paint. Green and gold are the colors of Kentucky W.M.U., so an outline map of Africa was cut from green construction paper and pasted on the cover. A tiny gilt star was placed at Abeokuta where Susan Anderson is located. The words Susan Anderson and the figures 1936 were printed with gilt paint around this outline map of Africa.

The inside sheets were typed on thin white paper, one sheet for each month, the reverse sides being kept blank so that the circle members could list the personal service to which they had been assigned for the next month. For each month there were listed the topic, leader, hostess and special duty for the month (*such duties as decorating the church or holding service at the county infirmary*). The sheets for the twelve months, sheets containing names of circle members and officers, were fastened together with a gold(?) paper fastener. Most convenient to carry in one's purse! Four inches across and not bulky! Similar books would be most appropriate for 1937 since we will be studying about Africa.

The Dorothy Carver Circle of this same society had fan-shaped year books, decorated to represent Japan and Korea where Dorothy Carver is located. —Mrs. Eureka Whiteker, Ky.

### OUR DAY OF PRAYER

IN 1933 and 1934 our W.M.S. observed the Day of Prayer around the World in a prayer service, held in the morning and afternoon. The women

brought in their own luncheon which they ate together at the noon hour.

This past December (1935) we decided after much praying and planning, especially on the part of our leaders of the Week of Prayer meetings, to launch out into a real day of prayer and communion with our Lord, praying only. We made public announcement several weeks ahead that it would be strictly a day of prayer with nothing to break the fellowship with our Master that day.

We would not have lunch. No one was asked to fast—only voluntarily. Our leader and others said they would. If anyone felt it would be best for them to eat at noon they were told to bring their own sandwich and quietly go out and eat alone. Hot coffee was kept in the church kitchen. As far as we know two brought sandwiches but, strange to say, did not eat until adjournment.

Our Week of Prayer leader presided throughout the day. A prayer leader was appointed for each country in our southern Baptist mission fields. We asked these leaders to say to those helping them during their period that there would be no talking—just prayer. During the week we had learned the needs of the fields—this day was for prayer alone. The different leaders invited other women to come, telling them the country and the object in that field in behalf of which they were definitely to petition the Father. We did not tell the leaders how much time to take. When all the needs of one country had been brought before our Heavenly Father, we quietly changed leaders and passed on to another field. We were not hurried—most came with the idea of spending the day—and it really proved to be a day of unusual rest and blessing.

The room used was twice as large as the one used several years ago, but it was comfortably filled all day—on an (Concluded on Page 16)

## Calendar of Prayer November, 1936

Prepared by Mrs. Maud R. McLure, Georgia

ORDER of Heaven and earth and ocean,  
Great God above,  
Sanctify our hearts' devotion  
As this we pray,  
Guide us while through life we wander,  
Keep our hearts forever tender,  
To the steady help in reader  
Service of love.

### Topic: Our Christmas Offering in Kingdom Building

- 1—SUNDAY  
Pray for editors of state denominational papers.  
Give me understanding and I shall keep Thy law.—Psa. 119:34
- 2—MONDAY  
For Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Strother (Martha Strother), evangelistic work, Pechon, China  
Jehovah giveth wisdom.—Prov. 2:6
- 3—TUESDAY  
For Rev. and Mrs. R. Cecil Means (Mary Means), evangelistic work, Tennessee, Ohio; and Robert Moore, Margaret Foad students  
I will put My spirit within you.—Ezek. 36:27
- 4—WEDNESDAY  
For Dr. T. W. Ayers and Rev. D. W. Herring, written memorandums from China  
He led them also by a straight way.—Psa. 107:7
- 5—THURSDAY  
For Dr. and Mrs. Everett Gill (Geraldine Williams), superintending work in Europe, Buchanan, Kampala  
The hungry and He filled with good.—Psa. 107:9
- 6—FRIDAY  
For Dr. and Mrs. P. S. Evans (Mary Louving), medical and evangelistic work, Tientsin, China  
Make us to go in the path of Thy commandments.—Psa. 119:33
- 7—SATURDAY  
For Dr. and Mrs. E. G. MacLenn (Annie Briggs), industrial school work, Iva, Nigeria  
The righteousness is an everlasting foundation.—Prov. 10:25
- 8—SUNDAY  
For Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Olson (Helen Pettigrew)—an furlough—\*Miss Lois Olson, evangelistic work, Hwang-Hai, China; and Bryna Pettigrew and Gertrude Olson, Margaret Foad students  
Be strong and of good courage.—Josh. 1:9
- 9—MONDAY  
For Miss Christine Garnett, missionary to Guanahy, Cuba; and all active missionaries working in the Cuban provinces  
Also for annual sessions of W.M.U. of Texas, Mineral Wells, Nov. 9-10  
He who converteth a sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul.—Jam. 5:20
- 10—TUESDAY  
For Miss Lillie Mae Hurdley and Miss Helen McCullough, educational work, Shanghai, China  
His heart is established, he shall not be afraid.—Psa. 112:8
- 11—WEDNESDAY  
For Rev. and Mrs. R. Elton Johnson (Elizabeth Jackson) and Miss Bertha Hunt, educational work, Pernambuco, Brazil  
Thy saints shall bless Thee.—Psa. 145:10
- 12—THURSDAY  
For Rev. and Mrs. C. G. McDaniell (Waverly B. Bartlett)—on furlough—and Miss Sophie Lacombe, educational work, Soochow, China  
He is their stronghold in the time of trouble.—Psa. 37:39
- 13—FRIDAY  
For Rev. and Mrs. R. R. Beard (Grace Beane) and Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Harrock (Eddie Harro) and Rev. and Mrs. D. D. Cooper (M. J. Perry), missionaries to Indians in Oklahoma  
The poor have good tidings preached to them.—Matt. 11:5
- 14—SATURDAY  
For Rev. W. C. Harrison, Rev. and Mrs. L. L. Johnson (Suzanne Gaynes), educational work, Pernambuco, Brazil; and Claudie, Ferie May and Dorothy Lee Johnson, Margaret Foad students  
Keep the charge of Jehovah thy God, to walk in His ways.—1 Kings 2:3
- 15—SUNDAY  
Let us earnestly pray that today, the All-China-Centennial Day, may be worthily observed by Chinese Baptists.  
Lush on the fields, that they are already white unto harvest.—John 4:35

## Calendar of Prayer November, 1936

WHEN the day at last is ended,

Set in our sun,  
Felled in much so well intended,  
Light almost gone—  
From the tomb do Thou reclaim us,  
Send Thine angel guard to name us,  
Heaven's host on high acclaim us,  
Life's victory won.

—George Allen Kingston

### Topic: Our Christmas Offering in Kingdom Building

#### 16—MONDAY

Pray for annual sessions of W.M.U. of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, Nov. 16-17. We have our hope set on the living God. —I Tim. 4:10

#### 17—TUESDAY

For Miss Grace Stribling, evangelistic work, and for Miss Genevieve Trainham, medical work, Chengchow, China. Let them that love Him be as the sun when he goeth forth in his might. —Judges 5:31

#### 18—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Quarles (Jennie Saunders), evangelistic work, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Laborers together with God—I Cor. 3:9

#### 19—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Plainfield (Alice J. Lucas), workers among Italians; and for Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Silva and Mrs. Aurelia Baez, workers among Cubans in Tampa, Florida. It is the power of God unto salvation. —Rom. 1:16

#### 20—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. P. W. Hamlett (Lettie Spinkhour), evangelistic work, Wushih, China; and Lettie Logan Hamlett, Margaret Fund student. I will give you a mouth and wisdom. —Luke 21:15

#### 21—SATURDAY

For Mrs. Robert Logan (Rebecca Adams)—on furlough—evangelistic work, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Also for Mrs. Victoria Logan Laws, president of Margaret Fund Student Alumni Association. To whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required.—Luke 12:48

#### 22—SUNDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Taylor (Grace Cisco), Secretary for Latin America; and Clara Brown, Laura Jean and Alfred Boyce Taylor, Margaret Fund students. God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love.—Heb. 6:10

#### 23—MONDAY

Pray for Dr. W. Maxfield Garrott, educational work, Fukuoka, Japan; and William Medling, Margaret Fund student from Japan.

Let the peace of God rule in your hearts. —Col. 3:15

#### 24—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Eugene L. Hill (Louise Hubich), evangelistic work, Canton, China. Blessed be the Lord who daily beareth our burdens.—Psa. 68:19

#### 25—WEDNESDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Long (Florence Major), medical work, Oshonoo, Nigeria. Heal the sick.—Matt. 10:8

#### 26—THURSDAY

Let us praise God on Thanksgiving Day. I will give thanks unto Jehovah with my whole heart.—Psa. 9:1

#### 27—FRIDAY

Pray for Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Schwab (Irene Chamberlain) and all members of faculty of Acadia Baptist Academy, Church Point, La.

Come over . . . and help us.—Acts 16:9

#### 28—SATURDAY

For Miss Leonora Scarlett, nurse, Kong Moon, China.

If God is for us who is against us? —Rom. 8:31

#### 29—SUNDAY

Pray for an outpouring of God's Spirit upon all our W.M.U. workers.

Put on therefore as God's elect . . . a heart of compassion.—Col. 3:12

#### 30—MONDAY

For earnest and faithful observance of Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, Nov. 30-Dec. 4 inclusive.

They that wait for Jehovah shall renew their strength.—Isa. 40:31

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## FAMILY ALTAR

Mrs. W. E. Gray, Alabama

TOPIC: "Likened unto a Certain King"—Matt. 13:23-35

"I will sing of Thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of Thy mercy in the morning: for Thou hast been my defense and refuge in the day of my trouble. Unto Thee, O my strength, will I sing: for God is my defense, and the God of my mercy!"—Psa. 59:16, 17

#### Thankfulness

1st Day—Ex. 15:1-18  
2nd Day—I Kings 8:55  
3rd Day—I Chron. 29:14  
4th Day—Psa. 9:1; 13:6  
5th Day—Psa. 89:1; 92:1-4  
6th Day—Acts 2:46, 47  
7th Day—Col. 1:3

#### Justice

15th Day—Ecol. 3:16, 17; 5:8  
16th Day—Isa. 1:17; 56:1, 7  
17th Day—Amos 5:7, 11, 12  
18th Day—Zech. 8:16  
19th Day—Matt. 5:23, 24; 12:7  
20th Day—John 7:24  
21st Day—I Cor. 13:6

#### Mercy

22nd Day—II Sam. 22:26  
23rd Day—Psa. 87:25, 26; 85:10  
24th Day—Prov. 3:3, 4; 11:17  
25th Day—Prov. 12:10; 14:21, 22, 31  
26th Day—Prov. 20:28; 21:21  
27th Day—Hos. 4:1; 12:6  
28th Day—Mic. 6:8  
29th Day—Matt. 5:7; 23:23  
30th Day—Col. 3:12, 13

#### Confession

8th Day—Matt. 18:23-35  
9th Day—Ezra 9:4-7, 10  
10th Day—Neh. 1:8  
11th Day—Job 7:20; 9:20; 13:23  
12th Day—Psa. 57:5; 58:3, 4, 18  
13th Day—Psa. 41:4; 51:1-4  
14th Day—Isa. 59:12-15



## "Pray Ye"

"With thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God".

Thank God for Jesus Christ, for our country, for food and clothing.

Intercede for the president of the United States and others in authority that they may seek and follow God's leading.

Pray for the Red Cross and Anti-Tuberculosis League in their annual drive for funds to pursue their Christlike services.

Pray for (1) Every Member Canvass; (2) Cooperative Program; (3) Baptist Hundred Thousand Club and state debt-clearing campaigns; (4) missionaries on furlough, those seeking appointment and those over-burdened on the fields at home and abroad.

Pray for increasing W.M.U. usefulness through prayer, enlistment, personal service, study, stewardship, missionary education of the young people.

Intercede for monthly faithful preparation by each W.M.U. organization for the December Week of Prayer; that the book, "Fruitful Preparation," may be carefully studied before December; that the week's offering will far exceed the goal of \$175,000.



## 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: "Likened unto a Certain King"—Matt. 18:23-35**



The Old Testament begins with the pentateuch. Five books stand for law. Obedience to law and disobedience to law give the theme of other books. The New Testament begins with four gospels. They are the essence of the New Testament. The epistles set forth the teachings of the gospels and tell of progress in bringing these teachings to others. Genesis begins with creation. Matthew begins with the genealogy of the Messiah who came to make all things new. Genesis one and two give an account of Adam's fall and the entrance of sin into the world. Matthew one and two give incidents attending the birth and infancy of Jesus. Beginning with Genesis three, the state of sin is recognized. The need of escape from the penalty of sin is pointed out. Frequent glimpses are given in the Old Testament of One who would meet the requirements of God's law and be Himself the remedy for sin. The New Testament says that the Redeemer has come. The Old Testament seems severe. In the New Testament believers are trained in a stern school of discipline. The parables are severe. Through the severity of justice however breaks the mercy of a forgiving Savior. He is full of compassion and looks upon "one of the least of these" as the object of His care.

"All the souls that are were forfeit once,  
And He, who might the 'vantage' best have took,  
Found out the remedy: How would you be,  
If He, who is the top of Judgment, should  
But judge you as you are! O! think on that,  
And mercy then will breathe with your lips  
Lest man new made,  
Through justice be thy plea, consider this,  
That, in the course of Justice, none of us  
Should see salvation: we do pray for mercy;  
And that same prayer doth teach us all to render  
The deeds of mercy."

The servant in the parable (Matt. 18:23-35) was probably a tributary prince, as no hired servant could owe so large a debt. The old Hebrew custom, passed on to Greeks and Romans, allowed families to be sold for debt. Later came imprisonment for debt. "A certain king" in our story was ready to settle accounts with those serving under Him. One who owed a large sum came begging for time and promising to pay all. He was freely forgiven the debt. Surely he would show mercy to others!

There is another scene in the same story. The man so recently forgiven finds one who owes him a trifling sum. Seizing him roughly he demands payment at once. This servant now shows his creditor the same deference which the higher servant had shown the king. He too asks for patience with the promise to pay. "And he would not: but . . . (vs. 30). Eternal mercy of God is our salvation.

"Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,  
Weak and wounded, sick and lame,  
Jesus ready minded to save you,  
Full of pity, love and power."

The servant had nothing to pay. What can the sinner pay? The servant was humble. The publican who prayed humbly was commended by Jesus. The servant prayed the king. The publican, whom Jesus declared was justified, prayed: "God, be merciful to me a sinner". The servant in the parable told the king that he would devote himself to the task of paying. The sinner cannot do anything to earn payment but he can offer the sacrifice of a broken heart and say: "I do believe, I now believe, that Jesus died for me".

The Thanksgiving season is a good  
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### CIRCLE'S MISSIONARY PROGRAM

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

**WHEN YOUR CIRCLE STUDIES "Stewardship in the Life of Women"** many practical plans will be found in the following outline by Mrs. S. E. Ewing, mission study chairman for Missouri W.M.U. For details as to ordering the book see page 29 of 1934 Year Book. Mrs. Ewing effectively presents the following ideas:

THIS is not a new book, but a book that will remain ever new, because of its contents. The author is Helen Kingsbury Wallace, who has had rich and varied experience as a field secretary and wide fellowship with the women of her denomination.

How strange it is that the thought of stewardship was so "late in arriving" and yet, so clearly taught in the Bible—our guide to faith and practice. It seems that only yesterday our people began to TAKE STEWARDSHIP SERIOUSLY. It may be that it took the burdensome debts of our southwide agencies and institutions to bring us to our knees and open our eyes and hearts to the call of stewardship. Yes, and just there, we reveal one of our present day weaknesses, viz., to think that stewardship has to do only with money. One of the chief aims of this book by Miss Wallace is to help us see stewardship in its broad and comprehensive sense. It has to do with the every-day affairs of life.

This book may be read with profit as we would read a book of sermons—leisurely and thoughtfully—each chapter to itself, as in a true sense each chapter is complete in itself. It may also be read as a story book, in that each chapter is based on a Bible story. But, please do not read it selfishly, but rather with the view to passing on these Bible stories that others might enjoy them with you.

The book contains six chapters—each based on a Bible incident—two from the Old Testament and four from the New Testament. I have space to give only a suggestion as to the contents of the six chapters.

**Chapter I—Stewardship of Hospitality**—based on the story of Elshah and the Shunammite woman, II Kings 4:8-10. You recall how the woman prepared a room for the prophet. Evidently it became the habit of Elshah to stop with this good woman and, thus, she became a real partner in his prophetic ministry. The author suggests a number of ways in which our homes may be used as agents in stewardship. Read this chapter, and you will not only profit by it but will also turn with expectancy to make these suggestions live in your classes.

**Chapter II—Stewardship of Sewing**—based on the story of Dorcas, Acts 9:36-39. I need to say but little here, as the hundreds of "Dorcas Societies" testify to the influence which these few New Testament verses have had on the lives of women the world over.

**Chapter III—This chapter on the Stewardship of Money** is based on the story of Mary and the pound of ointment, John 12:3. Use the whole paragraph (verses 1-8, inclusive), as Miss Wallace has some intensely interesting things to say about how women should share in the income of the home. If you dare, you might let the husband and all the boys in your home read this chapter.

(For continuation see pages 29-30, 33.)

## BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Miss Isabelle Coleman, Virginia

Suggestions: (1) From wall poster of 125 missionaries, whose 1937 salaries are to be provided by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, extend red ribbon to their locations on a globe on table under poster. Fasten ribbons with pins to globe. (2) To every one give Bible-book-mark, made as follows: green or red cardstock 4 x 1 1/4 inches; paste at top gold star and "God Is Love"—Pray daily for one item on list of 1936 objects as explained on page 25. (3) Soft, Christmas melodies played in the distance during program will add appeal.

### TOPIC: OUR CHRISTMAS OFFERING IN KINGDOM BUILDING

Christmas-Carol-Melodies (on Violin as Members Arrive)

Christmas Quartette—"Joy to the World"

Praise Psalm 103:1-13 (See also page 14.)

Praise Prayer

—Praise Hymn—Doxology

Silent Prayers of Praise

Christmas—Introduction—"Christmas Is Coming" (Page 18)

Christmas—Pageant (as Directed)—"The Contents of an Envelope" (Page 19)

Christmas-Memory-Prayer of Gratitude for Gifts of Last Christmas and for God's Blessings upon These Gifts

Christmas-Chain "Circling the Globe with Prayer" (Page 23)

Christmas-Prayer Quartette—"For You I Am Praying"

Christmas' Call for "A Christmas Preview" (Page 24)

Christmas Pantomime (Reader Hidden behind Screen)—"Trailing a Christmas Envelope" (Page 26)

Christmas Hymn—"Silent Night, Holy Night"

Christmas Call—"I Gave My Life for Thee"

—Chain of Christmas Prayers

### CHRISTMAS IN CHEFOO

It was the World Day of Prayer last December in Chefoo. Around the room sat a circle of the women of the W.M.S. Alternately the women who could read sat between the humble and unlearned women who eagerly learned the Chinese characters in the Christmas story as it is told by Luke. At intervals they paused from study to ponder a while upon some distant land before praying for the people therein. At the close of the day they had considered and prayed for people around the entire world. When they had come to think of Palestine they were awed by the fact that most of the people in this, the homeland of Jesus while He tarried on the earth, do not yet know Him as their Master. They wished that they could tell the story to the Palestinians. They prayed fervently for them. And then, they decided to send their Christmas offering to help tell the story to the people of Palestine. Prayerfully, seriously they brought their gifts unto Him. And when the Chinese coppers were counted, there was among them a bit of gold—a tiny ring bearing upon its signet-heart the symbol of love. This precious treasure was the prized love-gift of a little Chinese woman who was willing to give her most cherished possession—her only jewel, her all—that others may know Him, also!

### SOCIETY METHODS (Concluded from Page 10)

unusually cold day for December in Tulsa. It has long been our custom to have our ingathering each day. This year our largest offering was on this Day of Prayer around the World. Our whole offering showed a 14% increase.

Once more I say this Day of Prayer was a blessing to all who participated.

Our sense of responsibility for the on-going of our mission work was deepened and our own spiritual life was quickened. Unanimously we resolved this plan would hereafter be followed for our Day of Prayer around the World.—Mrs. J. C. Haring, First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla.

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## PROGRAM PLANS

Mrs. T. M. Pittman, North Carolina

### With the PROGRAM COMMITTEE

SOME people are so forehanded that by Thanksgiving they have their Christmas gifts bought and have them tied, sealed and stamped by the first of December! Let us hope that members of the November and December Program Committees are of this forehanded type. They will be free to put much work on the programs for these two months and also ready for their part in the Week of Prayer, November 30-December 4 inclusive. They will even have free days for the mission study classes that precede the Week of Prayer, using "Palestinian Tapestries". And women who are interested enough to plan ahead will most certainly have their full share in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering!

It is not the group of women already interested and informed that the November program should be planned to reach. Their devotion to missions will live in spite of a poor program half-heartedly given. But the women the committee is hoping and planning to reach are those whose interest kindles under mission facts clearly and enthusiastically presented but which dies, alas, under a dull program. The success of the Week of Prayer and the size of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering are going to depend largely on the November program.

As will be seen by the program material given by Mrs. Cressman (pages 18-28), the study for this month centers on the "Christmas Envelope". Possibly the small individual envelopes have already been distributed. They certainly should be given to the women not later than the November meeting. If the names are written on the envelopes there is a better chance of reaching every woman in the society. Those

not returned by December 4 should be called for the next week.

Mrs. Cressman's suggestion, "The Contents of the Envelope" (page 19), offers a delightful program. Those who follow it will certainly give a different kind of program as well as an impressive one. The story, "Trailing a Christmas Envelope", should be read by some one who will put life into it and so leave a vivid impression on her hearers (page 26).

Another arrangement of the program material might be made as follows. Use the large envelope as suggested by Mrs. Cressman but fill it with the small envelopes to be given out at the close of the program. (It should then be kept to receive the filled envelopes December 4.) The leader, holding up the large envelope, should explain that it represents all Lottie Moon Christmas Offering envelopes.

She wonders what this envelope would see if it had eyes. "If the Christmas Offering envelope had eyes?" A woman prepared for this talk should rise and go forward without being called, as if her question and its answer were impromptu. Using the material about the missionaries' salaries, the mission schools, the publication work, the missionaries' homes, she should tell what the envelope could see if it had eyes. (Pages 20-23)

"What if the Christmas Offering envelope had ears?" asks the leader. Another woman rises, repeats the question and comes forward to answer it. "The envelope would hear of the \$340,000 given in 1935, of the aims of 1936, of the W.M.U. work on foreign fields and other items". (Pages 20-23)

"What if the Christmas Offering envelope had a voice?" asks the leader. A third woman replies using "Calls for Christ First", "Reports of the Past", "Circling the Globe with Prayer" and "A Christmas Preview". (Pages 19, 23-25)

"What if the Christmas Offering envelope had wings?" the leader asks. A fourth woman tells the story, "Trailing a Christmas Envelope". (Pages 26-28)

Each woman must be brief, for all the facts could not be remembered if given. The small envelopes should be distributed and, as all stand holding them, a prayer should be offered that blessings may rest upon all who share in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, both those who give and those who receive.

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## PROGRAM for NOVEMBER

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 fee from W.M.U. Literature Department, 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala. See list of leaflets on page 3.

Prepared by Mrs. C. D. Crossman, Tennessee

**THEME for YEAR: "Thy Kingdom Come"**

**TOPIC for MONTH: OUR CHRISTMAS OFFERING in KINGDOM BUILDING**

Hymn—Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Bible Study—"Likened unto a Certain King"—*Matt. 18:23-35* (Page 14)

Prayer thanking God for His mercy and all His benefits (*Read Psa. 103:1-13 before prayer.*)

Hymn—Joy to the World

Christmas Is Coming

—The Contents of an Envelope

Prayer praising God for the glorious achievements of the 1935 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Circling the Globe with Prayer

Hymn—Sweet Hour of Prayer

—A Christmas Preview

Trailing a Christmas Envelope

—Hymn for the Year

Prayer that by a loyal support of the Christmas Week of Prayer and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering we may help the Christmas King to lead on to victory

### CHRISTMAS IS COMING

HERE'S Christmas feeling in the air,  
There's Christmas bustle everywhere,

By all the things we see and hear  
We know that Christmas time is near.

To some it speaks of joy and mirth,  
Without a thought of care;

To others it entwines the earth  
In a blessed Week of Prayer.

The shops are hung with garlands gay,  
And shoppers crowd the streets each day,

And all around the house are seen  
Gay packages of red and green.

To some it means a selfish hope  
Of gifts on Christmas day;

But others fill an envelope  
For people far away.

There're Christmas odors on the breeze,  
And merry plans for Christmas trees,

While bells with Christmas gladness ring,  
And children happy carols sing,

And some think only of the glee  
Of Christmas coming soon.

But others pause in memory  
Of lovely Lottie Moon.

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Yes, some prepare to keep the day  
With festive feast and spirit gay,  
With us'er a thought of Him whose birth  
Brought all this gladness to the earth;  
But some remember each glad year  
This blessed Week of Prayer  
And send their gifts of Christmas cheer  
To people everywhere.



Yes, Christmas coming soon means to southern Baptist women and W.M.U. young people the season of prayer and gifts for foreign missions. To us that is the first event of this most glorious time of the year—a forerunner of Christmas, preparing the way, glorifying and sanctifying the whole yuletide celebration. LET US THINK OF SOME OF THE BLESSINGS THAT THE OBSERVANCE OF THE SEASON BRINGS.

First, it brings great blessings to our own lives. It calls us to put Christ first in our Christmas. It calls us as women to turn aside from our shopping and baking and Christmas gift making, from the hustle and bustle and decorating and all the things that customarily go with the preparation for Christmas to think about the Christ Child and the world, still waiting for the tidings of His coming. It calls us to share the joys of Christmas with the whole world. It calls us to join with Baptist women of all lands in hours of prayer for the success of the mission for which Christ came. As we answer its call, our hearts are enlarged, our lives are enriched and our souls filled with the true spirit of Christmas. Through this Week of Prayer we can join the wise men in bringing gifts to the manger, we can join the shepherds in worshipping the King, we can join the angels in proclaiming His coming to all people. What better way could we find to celebrate Christmas and to bring its blessings to our own lives?

Second, it brings great blessings to the cause of foreign missions. The first Christmas offering, in 1888, sent to China three missionaries to help Miss Lottie Moon in her work. With each succeeding year the blessings of the special gifts of this season become greater and greater. Missionaries are sent, buildings are erected, schools and hospitals are supported, literature is published, marvelous things are done because southern Baptist women and their W.M.U. young people make Christmas gifts to Christ. If so much is done by the gifts, who can measure the influence of the prayers of this special season? God has promised great blessings when two or three agree in prayer—surely His benedictions overflow when thousands unite in a week of supplication before His throne of grace. The results of the prayers are not always seen. They cannot always be counted in new missionaries or pointed out in new buildings, but we know that it is the prayers that spiritualize our gifts and make them powerful in the salvation of the lost.

Christmas is coming! It is coming soon! Therefore we are all athrill with excitement and joyous anticipation. But remember that the W.M.U. Season of Prayer and Gifts for Foreign Missions is coming first. Let us not get so busy with plans for our own enjoyment of the season's festivities that we forget to make room for the observance of the Week of Prayer and thereby miss the blessings of a Christmas devoted to Christ.

### The CONTENTS of an ENVELOPE

Leader—Each year we place our Christmas offerings in an envelope. I wonder if we any of us realize what the contents of these envelopes mean when they are

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all put together and used for the objects designated for the offering. Let us imagine that we have an envelope big enough to hold all the results of the 1935 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, and let's draw them out of the envelope in an effort to realize what is actually going on in foreign lands today because we filled the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering envelopes with gifts a year ago.

*(Prepare a very large envelope, printing on it the words: LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING 1935. In this envelope place the placards as suggested. The leader holds the envelope and each speaker comes forward, draws her placard from it, gives her speech and continues to stand, holding the placard until all have finished.)*

**Amount of Offering**—*(Speaker takes from the envelope a placard on which is printed \$240,000.)* By April first the Foreign Mission Board reported that the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering of 1935 had reached \$240,000. We remember that our goal was \$165,000; so we see that we went \$75,000 beyond the goal. The first Christmas offering in 1888 was \$3,315.26. It is gratifying to note that our last year's offering was over sixty-six times that much. The total Christmas gifts through the years from 1888 to 1935 amount to over three million dollars.

**Missionaries**—*(Speaker takes from envelope placard with the words 125 MISSIONARIES. Instead of the placard a picture sheet of the missionaries sent out with last year's program may be used.)* One hundred thousand dollars of the 1935 offering is being used for the support of 125 missionaries. We remember that the first Christmas offering sent three missionaries to China. How wonderful it is today that this offering sends over forty times that many to nine different fields! Some of these Lottie Moon missionaries are those grown old in the service, while others are new recruits, just gone out, to consecrate their young lives to the greatest cause in the world. There is Miss Willie Kelly, who for more than four decades has given unstinted service in Shanghai, and with her is lovely Elizabeth Hale, only recently gone out to begin her missionary life. There is Mrs. W. B. Bagby, the very first southern Baptist woman to go as a missionary to Brazil, and in the same land is Elizabeth Jackson Johnson, glad of the privilege of devoting her young life to the people for whom her parents died. There is Dr. Mary King who, after many years, is still ministering to suffering Chinese bodies, and there are Dr. and Mrs. Sanford E. Ayers, recently sent to do the same work among the same people. There is Ruth Walden, doing school work in Africa, Helen Dozier in Japan and Earl Hester in Rumania. There is Miss Lila Watson leading W.M.U. work in China, Mrs. Cecil Moore in Chile and Mrs. C. K. Dozier in Japan. All of these and many others are on mission fields today ministering to the sick, teaching the young, publishing Christian literature and telling the lost about Christ because of our faithfulness to the 1935 Christmas offering.

**Schools**—*(Speaker draws from envelope placard bearing the word SCHOOLS. This may have on it the pictures of one or more mission schools.)* Many mission schools are receiving help because of our 1935 offering. Some of these are seminaries and training schools, some Bible schools for women, some colleges and some kindergartens. Among the training schools is our own James Memorial Training School at Bucharest, Rumania, and a school of similar nature at Budapest, Hungary. A gift of \$6000 to our girls' school in Japan made possible equipment which brought the school to the junior college standard, the first and only one in the thickly populated district of over half a million people. One thousand dollars of the money is helping Miss Lydia Green with her kindergarten work in south China and has made possible the opening of new kindergartens. One of the Bible schools helped was the Kwang To Women's Bible Training School at Shiu Hing. Miss Margie Shumate says of this gift:

"If this had not been granted, our Bible School would have to be closed, be-

cause all available funds are now exhausted and the principal of the school told me only last week that they would have to borrow money next month or close the school. This school is 'the apple of my eye' and an object of my heart's love. I thank God that the dear women of the southland have helped us in our time of need. It is the only school in all this field where young women and girls can get training for Christian service: we greatly need this school. I wish that there were some way whereby I might thank the women of the south for this gift of love to our work in Shiu Hing and for all that they have done for us who represent them in the far-away mission fields".

**Hospitals**—*(Speaker draws from envelope placard with the word HOSPITALS on it. Pictures of Baptist hospitals in China may be pasted on the placard.)* Three hospitals in China shared in the blessings of the 1935 offering. What this money meant to the hospitals is shown by the following from Miss Inabelle Coleman, who was in the orient last spring:

"All over China and Japan one is profoundly impressed with the vast amount of work that is being done because of the gifts of the W.M.U. of the south. May 5, when the Chengchow Baptist Hospital was re-opened, one's heart was moved beyond utterable words by the realization of what the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has done for the millions in this great province of Honan. Chengchow is the interior railroad cross-roads north and south, east and west, and is a fast growing industrial center. One of the largest railroad companies of China has its headquarters, also its building and repair shops, in Chengchow. Factories, schools and commerce make it a very important city.

"In 1927 this hospital was closed because of the siege of Chengchow by communists. The enemy looted and damaged the hospital to such an extent that the Foreign Mission Board could not re-open it until it had been repaired. Last year's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering opened these closed doors, repaired the buildings, bought equipment and supplies and gave to Chengchow a house of healing where sick souls are ministered unto with as much diligence as the bodies are healed. Since the opening day, every bed had been filled and a long list of patients wait for their turn.

"Bible women and an evangelist assist Dr. Ayers and his co-doctors and nurses in telling the Gospel story not only to the in-patients but also to the hundreds who come every week to receive clinical treatment. Daily souls are being saved, lives are being rescued and homes are becoming Christian in Chengchow because of this Gospel-light-house-of-healing. And its doors stand open, because the W.M.U. of our southland opened them with the gifts unto God last Christmas. This is only one of hundreds of equally as thrilling observations throughout the orient".

**W.M.U. Work**—*(Drawing from envelope placard with W.M.U. printed on it)* No part of the Christmas offering is dearer to our hearts than the Mrs. W. J. Cox Fund which is used for W.M.U. work on foreign fields. Fifteen thousand dollars of the 1935 offering was designated for this purpose in twelve mission lands. The W.M.U. in each land decides how this money shall be used. Often it is used for the publication of W.M.U. literature. Sometimes it is used for the expenses of W.M.U. conventions. One missionary writes of great blessings which came from the use of part of this offering in paying the expenses of two delegates from a lonely remote district to a W.M.U. convention. But perhaps the greatest blessings come from that part of this money which is used for field work. In Africa a number of special workers were employed by this fund last year. These, in company with Miss Young and Mrs. Powell, visited many of the churches and did much to build up the W.M.U. work. Two full-time field workers were made possible in Brazil by this fund this year. One of these was Miss Blanche Simpson who spent nine months in the interior of two Brazilian states. Miss Landrum writes of Miss Simpson's work as follows:

"She rode 1200 miles muleback in Piauh. She slept in her hammock under trees or stretched on the veranda of some hospitable home during this evangelistic tour, in the heart of this state. During the daytime she held study classes for the women and girls and story hours for the children and at night helped the missionary, Mr. Crouch, and the native pastors in evangelistic services. Her baby organ was the center of attraction in many of the churches, especially in the ones where the people had never seen an instrument. Many walked leagues and leagues to hear the 'gagan sing'. It's no unusual thing for the field workers to sit up until the wee hours of night teaching the hymns to the people who are anxious for the message in song".

So we see that the Mrs. W. J. Cox Fund works for us in many ways for the promotion of our beloved W.M.U. work around the world.

**Publication Work**—(Speaker draws from envelope placard bearing the words PUBLICATION WORK.) For many years there has been in Rio de Janeiro a vacant lot belonging to Baptists, waiting for a publishing house to be built on it. Now, due in large measure to a gift of \$7000 from the 1935 Christmas offering, a beautiful four-story building stands on this lot. This building is to be used for the publication of Baptist literature for all of Brazil. The joy of the people of Brazil in this achievement is expressed in the following as written by one of our missionaries:

"The missionaries and Brazilian workers stand gazing at workmen and machinery while they assure one another that it is really the foundation of our Publishing House that is in the making. And do you wonder that we are like unto the Israelites when they returned from exile? The psalmist says that they were as men in a dream. Did not our more worthy predecessors dream and pray and labor that this all-important institution should be worthily housed and equipped for the unending task set before it? Are we not seeing the realization of the dreams of Dr. Entzinger, Dr. Ginsburg and Dr. Z. C. Taylor and others who spent themselves and passed over the river without entering into the land of promise? Others have labored while we gather the fruits of their labor".

Miss Minnie Landrum, corresponding secretary of the W.M.U. of Brazil, writes: "In this building will be reserved four rooms for permanent headquarters of the Brazilian W.M.U. and this organization, side by side with the Publishing House, hopes to have a large part in the dissemination of the Gospel through the printed page not only in every nook and corner of this large country but in every place where the Portuguese language is read".

Another gift from the 1935 offering went to the work of the Mexican Baptist Publishing House in El Paso, Texas, which publishes literature for all Spanish-speaking people. The value of this work is shown by the fact that over ten million pages of Sunday school literature were printed and sent out last year.

**Missionary Homes**—(Speaker draws from envelope placard bearing the words MISSIONARY HOMES.) A number of our missionaries in China and Africa are living in new homes because of the 1935 Christmas offering. One of these is on the campus of Shanghai University and is the home of the single missionary woman. This not only makes living more comfortable for these women but makes it possible for students to come to them for fellowship meetings. Another of these homes was built for Miss Margie Shumate and the new missionary, Miss Auris Pender, who has gone out as her helper in the Shiu Hing field. Miss Shumate writes:

"I am thankful for the new home. I moved into it about two weeks ago. It is all finished except a few finishing touches which Miss Pender will want to add after she comes. By the way Auris Pender and three other new missionaries came

from Canton and spent a week end with me soon after I moved into the new house. I did enjoy their visit. The new house seems very grand to me after having lived these several years in an unpainted, unplastered Chinese house with no conveniences. We have even bathroom fixtures and running water! My furniture does not match the house, but with some Christmas money I bought some new wicker chairs and a table and had some of the old furniture painted, and so I plan to get along till furlough. When Auris Pender comes she will have furniture and the place will not look so bare".

How glad we are to help furnish these faithful missionaries of ours with homes in which they can live in comfort while they work for us in foreign lands.

**The Shuck Centennial**—(Speaker draws from the envelope a placard bearing the words SHUCK CENTENNIAL. A picture of Mrs. Shuck may be pasted on it.) Thirty thousand dollars of the 1935 offering were designated as a memorial to Henrietta Hall Shuck. This money was given for a chapel in south China, to build missionary homes and for evangelism in China, for the support of hospitals in China and for schools in China and Japan, \$8000 being for the Henrietta Hall Shuck Memorial Building of Pooi In at Canton. All the \$75,000 surplus gifts were added to this \$30,000 memorial. We can think of no better way to honor her who gave her all to the missionary cause a hundred years ago than to give these gifts for the work she loved so much.

**Leader**—We have drawn many wonderful results from our 1935 envelope, and yet much remains. The Carsons are riding the rivers of Africa, carrying the Gospel into the interior, the expenses of which are paid by this offering. Churches in Brazil, Argentina and Italy are being helped because we gave this Christmas gift to Christ a year ago. Indeed the results of this offering are so great that our hearts rejoice that we helped to make them possible. Every envelope that went into the offering last year helped to make possible the contents of this big envelope which is bringing such great blessings to all of our foreign mission work.

#### CIRCLING the GLOBE with PRAYER

**PRAYER** is the golden chain uniting our hearts and drawing them together at the throne of God. No matter how many miles apart we may be, or how different we may be in race or color, at the mercy seat we meet with one voice and one heart. On one day in each year southern Baptist women in many lands pray together. We circle the day with prayer, we circle the earth with prayer. For that day the sun never sets on praying Baptist women, for when it goes down on one group it rises on another, praying just as earnestly for the same things. This Day of Prayer is always the last of the Christmas offering Week of Prayer and has done much to enlist not only the women of the southland but of all S.B.C. mission lands in the observance of this season. W.M.U. young people are also encouraged to participate.

One missionary writing from Argentina says that last year for the first time most of the societies took part in this special day and made generous offerings for missionary extension. Attractive literature was used, featuring the same picture which was used on our program. In Chile, too, the Day of Prayer was observed using the literature published by the Argentine W.M.U.

Mrs. Eugene Sallee says that last year the Week of Prayer was well observed throughout the Interior China Mission. "It was a matter of satisfaction that many weak churches observed the Day of Prayer and made an offering. The large missionary map of the world was used and also a globe, adding much to the interest of all. Using the clock on the front of the program we were able to tell the time of each place as it was introduced for prayer. The gift of the Interior Mission was \$93.58".

The North China Mission sends to Palestine the money collected for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The woman of Pingtu, the field for which the first Christmas offering was taken, observed the Day of Prayer and made a generous contribution. A young woman in Hwanghsien sold her ring and gave the proceeds to this work.

In Cuba the season was celebrated and a gift of \$50 was sent as their contribution to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. A young pastor of a church in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, who had never attended a Day of Prayer before 1934 was so impressed by the service in his church in 1935 that he wrote: "It was a refreshing experience to get together and pray with our Baptist brethren scattered all over the world. As we knelt we remembered that thousands of knees were also bent in our behalf and that many a heart was calling to the Father of all light to ease our burdens and to help us in the midst of our many perplexities. I am sure that the memory of that day will stay forever in our hearts and that it will help every member of our church to assure his soul that he belongs to a large and noble family of heroic Christians, scattered all over the earth".

Surely this expresses what the day means to all of us—a whole Baptist family, met together at the mercy seat to pray "Thy Kingdom come" and to give that the Kingdom of Jesus may come and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

#### A CHRISTMAS PREVIEW

AS we have heard the things which have been done this year through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering of a year ago all hearts are thrilled. Those who had no part in that offering are regretful, and those who had a part wish that they had done more. But wait, there's another chance! Another Christmas draws near and, with it, another Week of Prayer and Gifts for Foreign Missions. Let us not look behind with regrets but look ahead with resolutions for what we shall do this year. Those who had no part last year can resolve to attend the meetings, join in the prayers, make a gift and so share in all the blessings of this season of prayer. Those who had a part last year can go into it this year with greater zeal—resolving not to miss a one of the meetings, to pray more earnestly, to give more generously and thus to multiply the blessings of a year ago to themselves and to the Kingdom.

As is done every year a committee from our executive force, composed of state W.M.U. vice presidents and corresponding secretaries, made plans for the coming Week of Prayer. This committee worked for many months on their plans, presenting them to the Union's annual meeting in St. Louis, where they were adopted. Since then the Birmingham office has been busy carrying out these plans as far as they could in the preparation of material; all this material has been sent to the state offices and from there it has come or will come to us, and soon we will be carrying out, in the Week of Prayer, these plans which have been prepared with such care. A preview of some of these plans will make us eager for the time to come when we shall know them all and have a part in their execution.

**The Date**—The date set for the Week of Prayer is November 30-December 4 inclusive, with the last day—Friday, December 4—set for the Day of Prayer around the World. Pastors are urged to preach on foreign missions on Sunday, November 29, and to emphasize foreign missions at the mid-week prayer meeting. How beautiful it is that we shall enter the Christmas month with prayer and thoughts of the Kingdom of Christ! Surely that is the right way to begin our celebration of His birthday.

**The Book**—Each year a book is offered for study before the Week of Prayer. This year that book has the enticing title of "Palestinian Tapestries". It was

written by Mrs. J. Wash Watts, a former missionary in Palestine, and is a presentation of our work there. The Foreign Board publishes the book and gives to each W.M.S. and Y.W.A. one free copy. Additional copies may be bought for 25c each. (If the society has not already studied this book urge that it be done before the Week of Prayer. See October issue of this magazine, pages 13, 33.)

**The Theme**—The theme for the Week of Prayer is "Jesus began—Continue ye"—Acts 1:1 and John 15:9, 10. And the program develops this theme according to the following outline:

- Monday**—Jesus began to preach—Luke 4:18, 19  
Continue ye—Luke 9:2; 10:9  
Evangelistic work on foreign fields with the story of one outstanding evangelist
- Tuesday**—Jesus began to teach—Matt. 5:2; 7:29  
Continue ye—Matt. 28:19, 20  
Educational work on foreign fields with the story of one outstanding educator
- Wednesday**—Jesus began to heal—Matt. 4:23  
Continue ye—Matt. 10:8  
Medical work with the story of one medical missionary
- Thursday**—Jesus finished His work—John 4:34; 5:36; 17:4; 19:30  
Our unfinished work
- Friday**—Day of Prayer around the World

**The Program**—Splendid program material has been prepared for the W.M.S. by Miss Mallory and for the young people's organizations by Miss Mather. The folder for the W.M.S. contains program outline and material for each day, as well as for the Day of Prayer. On the cover is an attractive picture of Palestine as contributed by Dr. J. McKee Adams of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. Each day's program (except of course for Day of Prayer) is planned for presentation within one hour. Besides the folder there is the picture sheet of 125 missionaries being supported by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and a lovely story, in leaflet form for W.M.U. use as written by Mrs. Carter Wright; its title is "The Story of the Elder Brother".

**The Goal for the Offering**—The goal set for the offering this year is \$175,000, which is \$10,000 more than the goal of a year ago. We must pray earnestly that the offering may go even farther beyond the goal than it did last year, then help to answer that prayer by making our own gifts as large as possible.

**Objects for the Offering**—The list of objects to which the offering is to go is a glorious one. Again 125 missionaries are to have their salaries supplied. Again the James Memorial Training School receives \$4,000 and the Mrs. W. J. Cox Fund \$15,000. \$4,000 goes for a church building in Bahia, Brazil; \$5,000 for North Gate Church and School Building in Shanghai, China; and still another \$5,000 for seminary building and auditorium in Pernambuco, Brazil. \$4,600 goes for missionary homes in China; \$5,000 for work in Palestine and Syria. Other sums of varying sizes go for schools in China, Japan, Africa, Brazil and Hungary. Two anniversaries are being commemorated with this offering. The support of 50 of the 125 missionaries is to be considered in commemoration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Sunbeams and, besides, a church in Italy is to receive a generous gift, kindergarten work in China and Japan is to be helped and \$2,000 is to go for the endowment of our school for blind girls in China—all as a part of the Sunbeam Anniversary celebration. Then, in commemoration of the Jubilee of Our Mission Literature \$2,000 is to go for our Mexican Baptist Publishing House, \$3,000 to the Rio Baptist Publishing House and \$1,100 is to be used for publi-

cation work in Africa, Argentina, Uruguay and Spain. With all of this wonderful work to be done with our gifts of this year, we cannot fail to do our best to carry the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering far beyond the goal set. (See pages 4-7.)

#### TRAILING A CHRISTMAS ENVELOPE

IT was an evening in November of 1936 and the woman sat at her desk making out her Christmas list. "I'm going to begin early this year", she said to herself, "so as not to be in such a hurry right at Christmas". So she took her pencil in hand and began to jot down the list of gifts just as every other woman does sometime before Christmas. First, she thought of her husband. "John must have a new watch", she said, and down it went on the list. "And we have been promising John, Jr., a bicycle, so I will just put that down next. And of course Mildred must have something just as nice. Let's see—what shall it be? Oh yes, a kodak. And then I'll add a new compact and a few other little things. Then Bettie must have a doll. That will cost at least \$5, for she is too big for a cheap doll. And oh yes, she must have a little electric stove and a sweater suit". And down went a long list of things for Bettie. "Now I come to Mother. She gets a reading lamp this year. And Father must have new slippers and his usual supply of ties and socks". And on she went adding expensive gifts for relatives and friends. "I believe that is all", she said at last. "My, it's a long list and will cost a lot of money! But I think I have a right to be extravagant once a year. Besides, I will get most of it back in gifts just as expensive".

About that time the woman seemed to hear a voice coming from a corner of her desk. "What is that?" she exclaimed. And the voice said: "You have forgotten me. You have forgotten me". Looking in the direction from which the voice came the woman saw the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering envelope which her circle chairman had brought by the house that day.

"Well, yes", she said, "I did forget about you. But really, it's a sort of a nuisance to have you always around just before Christmas, waiting for a gift, right when I need every cent I can scrape up for my family and friends. Well, I'll try to manage to put one dollar into you, and I had better do it right now, for after my Christmas shopping is done I won't have a cent".

From her pocketbook she took a one dollar bill. But just as she started to put it into the envelope a strange thing happened. That envelope seemed to rise up and accuse her, saying: "Hundreds of dollars for Christmas gifts and only one for the Christmas Child!" Then the envelope seemed to move away from the desk—out of the room, through the air, above the house, above the trees, on away and away to distant places, and with the envelope went the woman, wondering what was happening. She tried to free herself from the envelope and to feel herself back in her own room. But she couldn't, for she seemed to be drawn on and on.

Then all at once she and the envelope began to descend, and she found herself in a strange land among strange people. "Where am I?" she asked. And the envelope answered, "You may be in any one of fourteen lands where southern Baptists do foreign mission work". "And what am I doing here?" she asked. "Look", said the envelope. And obeying instructions she saw a group of sweet-faced men and women moving among the foreign people. One was binding up the sores of an afflicted child. One was speaking words of comfort to a sorrowing woman. One was reading the Bible to a wretched man. One was teaching a group of children. One stood and preached the Gospel to a crowd of eager listeners. "Who are these?" asked the woman. The envelope explained, "These are the 125 missionaries whose salaries are provided by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering". Then all at once the woman seemed to see millions of hands

stretched toward her, while millions of voices cried: "Oh, please let these missionaries stay with us. They are our only hope of salvation".

The woman longed to be back at home so that she could slip that dollar intended for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering back into her pocketbook and get a larger bill. But before she could even express the thought she felt herself moving on, and soon she stood looking at a large new building. "And what is this?" she asked. "This is the Rio Baptist Publishing House", answered the envelope. "\$3,000 of this year's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will go into publishing work done in this new building, and other gifts will be used for similar work in other countries". As the woman left this scene she seemed to see millions of leaves of religious literature flying out from this building, and in one voice they cried to her: "Would you hinder our going with the Word of Life to dying people? That is what you will do if you fail to give what you should to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering".

Again the memory of that dollar bill hurt the woman's conscience. But she had little time to think about it, for soon she was walking through the halls of a commodious and well equipped school building, and she saw all around her black-faced girls. "I must be in Africa", she thought, but these girls do not look like the Africans as I have always imagined them. They are neatly dressed, and on their faces are expressions of joy". The envelope answered her thoughts: "You see here not the usual African girls but those who are attending our girls' school at Abeokuta". Then the woman noticed among the girls some white faces. "These are missionaries", explained the envelope. "Two of them are supported by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, and besides \$2,000 of this year's offering will go to this school". As the woman moved away over Africa she saw millions of people reaching toward her and crying, "Do not take away your support of the work which may save us from our sins".

When next they stopped the woman and her envelope were surrounded by lovely Japanese children and in their midst a missionary teacher. She heard them singing, "Jesus Loves Me". The envelope whispered, "A part of this year's offering goes to support this and other kindergartens in Japan and China". The woman was so charmed with the children that she would have lingered had not she been drawn away by an unseen power. And as she was leaving, the little ones reached toward her as if to say: "Would you rob us of the joy of learning about Jesus and His love?"

Across to China she went next, this time to an office in the China Baptist Publishing House. There she saw a young woman busy editing W.M.U. literature, preparing for W.M.U. field work and other activities. "What has the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to do with this?" she asked. "Much", answered the envelope: "\$15,000 goes for W.M.U. work in foreign mission lands. You see here only a suggestion of how this gift is used to promote W.M.U. work around the world". Then the woman seemed to see women of many lands reaching toward her as they cried, "Would you take this help from us?"

"It is enough", cried the woman to the envelope. "Take me home. I understand now the importance of the Christmas offering".

"Only one more stop", said the envelope. Then all at once the woman saw that she was in a place that had a familiar aspect. "It looks like the pictures of the stable where Jesus was born!" she exclaimed. "Yes", said the envelope, "this is the place". The cattle were standing peacefully all around. A man stood at the end of a manger bed. Shepherds knelt in front, and a mother bent tenderly over. The woman paid little attention to these things, for her eyes were fixed on a baby lying in the manger. And as she looked she heard a voice out of Heaven saying, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son". Then

the envelope at her side whispered, "Would you celebrate His birth in a selfish way?"

The woman sat at her own desk in her own room. Yes, there was the Christmas list, and there was the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering envelope, and there was her dollar bill ready to go into it. But in her heart still rang the question, "Would you celebrate His birth in a selfish way?"

"No!" she cried. "I will not celebrate the birth of my Lord in a selfish way. I will not give more to friends than to Jesus. I will not fall all those causes looking to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for support. I will put Christ first in my Christmas".

Then into her envelope went a check as large as the total amount needed for the Christmas list and into her life went the happiest Christmas she had ever known.

#### QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Discuss the blessings to our own lives of the Week of Prayer and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.
2. Mention some of the blessings to the foreign mission cause of the Week of Prayer and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.
3. What was the total amount of the 1935 offering?
4. Tell something of the work being done by this offering.
5. Tell of how the Day of Prayer was observed in different countries last year.
6. Discuss plans for the 1936 Week of Prayer.
7. What is the goal for the gifts?
8. What two anniversaries are to be commemorated with this offering?
9. Mention some of the objects of the offering for this year.
10. What can we do to make the Week of Prayer a great success in our own church?

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#### EVERY MEMBER CANVASS (Concluded from Page 8)

of your missionary organizations and other women and girls in the church; by serving light refreshments (*sandwiches and coffee*) on Every Member Canvass Day. And you can help by subscribing cheerfully and liberally, and paying regularly. Also, you can follow up by soliciting persons overlooked in the Canvass, or who become delinquent.

And won't you be glad you helped when you see your church enrolling more contributors and contributing more money than it ever has to all the work of the Kingdom! Let us work and pray for "all our people in all our work".

## OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

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

### R.A. FOCUS WEEK and OTHER NOVEMBER MATTERS

**I**N TURN, the second week of the second month of each quarter, our Woman's Missionary Union has been focusing its attention on one of our young people's organizations. This month brings us the R.A. Focus Week, Nov. 8-14. Into *World Comrades* have gone many suggestions about observing the week for your boys. If you do not have an R.A. Chapter in your church, this is the very time to start; the organization can then be perfected and in good running order ready for excellent work all during 1937. One of the projects, in which R.A.'s are interested during their special week, is that of organizing a new chapter: so, in a situation without missionary education plans for boys, merely suggest to some near-by chapter that your boys want an R.A. too, and they will be right over to help you.

The week will not be successful without cooperation of pastor, W.M.U. young people's director, W.M.U. president, R.A. counselor and members; but these working together can make a week of valued missionary emphasis. Probably not all the suggestions in the blue and gold number of *World Comrades* can be carried out by any one chapter, but they will stimulate your thinking to see what you really can do.

Meanwhile as you focus on R.A.'s you will not forget that the Sunbeam Fiftieth Anniversary year draws to a

close presently. The reaching of the goals of our celebration is still to be ascertained as accomplished. Have you done all you can, as W.M.S. president, as young people's director to assist in the organizing of 500 new Sunbeam Bands, in the A-1 record of 500 more Sunbeam Bands than have ever reached this high standard, in the 500 more mission study Sunbeam classes? Surely you will want to have your Sunbeam Band A-1 this anniversary year. And if your little children have been neglected in their missionary training you will start the Sunbeam Band at once and be a "born in the anniversary" organization.

Manual for either R.A. Chapter or Sunbeam Band awaits the new organization at the state W.M.U. headquarters (*address on page 2*). Write to them that you are ready to organize and they will tell you what to do and how to do it. Do not delay past November.

And every organization is looking expectantly toward Nov. 30-Dec. 4 inclusive, knowing that the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will be observed then. Plan prayerfully, so that none of your young people will be left out of its privileges and joys.

So November offers several matters of special interest. Let us fulfill them all.

#### CIRCLE PLANS (Continued from Page 15)

**Chapter IV**--This chapter deals with the Stewardship of Time, as based on the story of Mary and Martha, Luke 10:38-42. We do waste money--but, how much more do we waste our time. Time, moment by moment, is the gift of God and all of it must be accounted for. Isn't it fine to meet one who knows how to be systematic, careful, painstaking in the use of and proper distribution of time?

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## TRAINING SCHOOL

Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, Principal, 224 E. Broadway, Louisville, Ky.

(Since this article was written some months ago Miss Wu has married Mr. T. L. Zan, a splendid Baptist layman in Shanghai. Through his fine generosity she receives much of her Christian service without salary. Many will be interested to know that Mrs. Zan is a sister of Mrs. F. Y. G. Ling who spoke at the May meeting in St. Louis.)

### A TRAINING SCHOOL GIRL CARRIES ON IN CHINA

JESUS at the beginning of His life work on earth prayed thus: "I thank Thee, O Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, because Thou hast hid these things from the wise and the prudent and hast revealed them unto babes". This prayer meant so much to me, because I felt the same way the Lord has treated me. Thank God for His abundant blessings by giving me the privilege of sitting at the feet of those Seminary and Training School professors. My heart so yearns to pass on what He has given me while I was there in the Training School.

I have coveted so many times for my brethren and sisters in my homeland the same blessed opportunity of studying about the Word of God under such splendid Christian educators. I feel it is now my duty to share what I have with others.

Since I came back from America in the spring of 1934, I have continued my work as principal of the Tsing Tub Girls' School under the auspices of the First Baptist Church where my own father was once pastor of that church. We have an enrollment of over four hundred students and most of them come from non-Christian families. "The field is white but the laborers are few".

I lead chapel three times a week; two of these mornings I teach them short choruses and Bible verses and general church hymns. The principal of the Boys' School and the faculties of both schools take charge of the other mornings. Our students take charge of the different organization meetings

(Senior and Junior B.Y.P.U., Sunbeams etc.) Our "Senior High" girls help in our church choir, which I am also a member of. All our faculty members share the responsibility in spiritual training and moral discipline, so they have made my burden much lighter. I teach the two Senior High School Bible Classes. Every Wednesday from 7:00 to 3:00 P. M. I have a Bible class with a few women from our W.M.U. From 7:30 to 8:00 at night I give a Gospel message over the radio at the Shanghai Christian Broadcasting Station. I have had the pleasure of having Miss Elizabeth Hale for one time and Mrs. Madry and Mrs. Weatherpoon another time to offer prayer both before and after I spoke.

Thursday morning is my day to teach at the Baptist W.M.U. Training School. I teach a class (two hours) in missions. Every other Friday afternoon I teach a Bible class at the Cantonese Church, and one at the Grace Church. Sunday morning I teach a Sunday school class and every other Sunday afternoon a group of our former students and some other church members have an hour's study of Bible with me. Besides these, I occasionally have the opportunity to speak to groups besides our own church and denomination.

Please remember me and my work in your prayers, so that I shall continue to serve Him in as many ways as possible. May your American Christian friends' love and prayers help to extend His Kingdom work in China.

—Wu Ming Yang, Class of '34

## FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

### "ENTERED into GLORY"

ONE of the sweetest and happiest occasions of the season was the death of our beloved mother and friend, Mrs. Adeline Adeotan Agbebi. Those words sound disrespectful or heartless on first thought but, when one thinks what they are saying, they are true. All Christians have the privilege of looking forward to the time when God will take them to Himself. Mrs. Agbebi has for years been one of the most faithful Christians in Nigeria. She has served as the native leader of the W.M.U. since its organization and, at the time of her death, she held the office of honorary president (*Mother Most Honorable*). Even though she was old—her answer to the question of her age was, "I have been seventy-three for some time!"—she visited most of the churches of the Lagos association within the last few months and encouraged the women in their work. She attended Evening Bible School and all the other meetings right up to the day God took her. It was Sunday (Aug. 2) that she was taken and she attended the usual Sunday services, held her Sunbeam meeting and went to the communion service that night. When she went home they were telling her of the sermon preached (on *Jerusalem*) by one of the pastors and she commented on her assurance of seeing the new Jerusalem. With that she retired and about an hour later a child in the next room heard her coughing and, when they got to her, she was breathing her last.

Late Monday afternoon her body was taken to the new church, though it was far from finished, where a funeral service was held in the presence

of crowds inside and outside the building. A great procession was made, led by the choir, and all walked to the cemetery. Following the choir was the Middle Department of the Baptist Academy and the missionaries, then the District Council, the pastors, the coffin, the family, members of the W.M.U. of the district, the members of the Baptist churches and then other friends. As the procession moved along slowly all sang hymns of joy and, as the men bearing the coffin on their shoulders turned into the gate of the cemetery, all the women singing encircled them. Following the service all the people went to the home where booths had been built of palm branches and they sat and sang and feasted. On the third day they gathered there in the calmest, sweetest way and sang and feasted again. The seventh day is usually another big day but since it would fall on Sunday it was held Friday. Only those who were there and heard the sweetness of the music can understand the real meaning of the first sentence used. This singing went on by various groups until around ten each night. Sunday the family appeared as a group at the church and the funeral was over.

What a wonderful way to remember the Christian dead! There is none of the weeping as of the heathen who have no hope. She had told us she was ready to meet Jesus and her life showed it; so it really is a time to rejoice because God has given her a great gift in taking her to Himself. The salutation of the people to us and among themselves was, "May my death and yours be thus!"—*Miss Eva M. Sanders, Nigeria, Africa*

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the book. It has as its basis that most remarkable story of the woman at the well—John 4. The author is right: the life, the words, the deeds—all these—conspire to give the Gospel message to the world about us. Social life and business are both involved, and the message of Jesus Christ—the world's only hope—must be given out to the ends of the earth. He is depending upon us to "carry on". Shall we fail Him? We will not, if we are true stewards!

## CURRENT MISSIONARY EVENTS

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

"Away in foreign lands they wondered how their simple word had power.  
At home, the Christians, two or three, had met to pray an hour".

For a long time all mission work in Mexico has been seriously interfered with because of the attitude of the government but according to reports a brighter day is dawning. Some one has said: "When opposition drives Christians to their knees in prayer to God, you may be certain there is going to be a revival". The Presbyterian Board reports that more prayer is going up to God than for many a year. Prayer circles are springing up all over the land. In Mexico City a group of Mexican pastors and foreign missionaries meet every morning before breakfast for prayer together.

The Commission on Nation-wide Evangelism in Japan is asking Christians throughout the empire to remember this movement in their morning devotions and also to organize groups which will undergird this evangelistic effort with a volume of united prayer. The Commission hopes within the year to conduct special campaigns in the empire's six major cities.

When this issue of *Royal Service* reaches you the Nation. Preaching Mission mentioned sometime ago will be in progress in many of our major cities. In addition to the many strong preachers of our own country who will help in these meetings there will be American missionaries to foreign lands and native Christians from other lands who have come to help stir the people of the United States to a revived interest in Kingdom work. As we pray for the work in foreign lands cannot we pray for these "Preaching Missions" in our own?

Sometime ago Dr. Maddy, executive secretary of our Foreign Mission Board, called attention to the serious condition existing with reference to our medical mission work in China and Africa because of the retirement of several of our missionary doctors and the fact that few doctors are now volunteering for missionary service. He suggested that we pray the Lord of the harvest that He send forth laborers into this particular field of labor.

When two women in Africa were asked whether the World Day of Prayer (*Interdenominational*) was just another meeting to them or whether it really helped they exclaimed: "Help? It helps, truly! When we know about the condition of other tribes then we know how to pray for them. When we know many do not yet know the good news of Jesus, we realize how faithful we must be in prayer and in giving money and how we must send the Word of God to them". — *Missionary Review of the World*

W. Maxfield Carrott writes from Tokyo of the inexpressible joy that came to him in the conversion of his language teacher who a year ago was bitter against Christ and Christianity. When she became his teacher he said he began praying for her and witnessing to her. One day he prayed that this teacher would give her heart to Christ within two weeks. He wondered why he set the time but he writes: "I have never seen the Spirit of God work so obviously, so powerfully before my 'very' eyes as He did in her those two weeks".

## 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.

A Preface to Racial Understanding; Charles S. Johnson; Friendship Press, New York; 1936; pages 201; price, cloth \$1, paper 60c

It is impossible for anybody to write on any question as fraught with emotion as is the race question here in the South in a way that is entirely satisfactory to everybody. Doctor Johnson has come as close to doing this in this book, however, as anybody this reviewer has seen. All that he says will not sit well with the more prejudiced of our Southern people, but there is a spirit of fairness and truth running through the book that should appeal strongly to the thoughtful and dispassionate.

Beginning with an illuminating study of the African background and early American environment of the Negro,

Doctor Johnson emphasizes the Negro's contribution of labor to American life and traces the effect of various economic crises on his status; he then gives a distressing but nonetheless irrefutable picture of his situation and problems, today. However, it might be better to read chapter 6 before studying chapter 1, etc.

Perhaps the most helpful chapter in the book is the closing one on the conquest of racial prejudice. Without advocating social equality or intermingling of the races, Doctor Johnson makes some exceedingly practical suggestions for those who sincerely want to solve this vital problem in a Christian way. We commend the book especially to all our thinking women, to the young people in the colleges and to their pastors.

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