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EDITORIAL

With FERVENT PRAYER

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

Christ for our land we sing;
Our land to Christ we bring,
With fervent prayer;
The wayward and the lost,
By restless passions tossed,
Redeemed at countless cost,
From dark despair.



This slight paraphrase of the second stanza of our W.M.U. hymn for the year will serve to impress the central thought and purpose of the Union for this month. There has come a general awakening in our land, and to some degree throughout the world, concerning the social responsibility of men one to another. Capital and labor, employer and worker, the possessor and the destitute are receiving much consideration and are more and more giving thought to the obligations each has to the other and to society. This is due in some measure to the necessity of finding a way out of pressing economic problems, but we must believe that the teaching of Jesus has so permeated the thinking of men that His attitudes are becoming as leaven in the social structure. This is encouraging to Christians and offers to those who press the cause of missions both reasons and avenues for reaching the hearts of men with the Christian message.

Conditions in America impress every thoughtful person that there is a deep underlying need that must be met. Social schemes are not in themselves panaceas for the ills of the world. Only as they are founded on eternal principles of justice and right can they serve to meet human need. Only as the hearts and the motives of men are purified will equitable human relations be established. Only *One* can meet the deep needs of men.

And so it is that we turn with joy to the period of special prayer for home mission causes. The southland of America, which holds all the problems and diversity of human need common to the nation, and the neighbor lands to whose similar needs we seek to minister are objects of prayer and special offerings. Our land, and these, to Christ we bring in *fervent prayer*. These wayward ones are lost, they are by restless passion tossed. Their redemption, even as our own, has been bought at countless cost.

"The effective fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much". It is a statement of fact and a promise of fruition. If one such availeth much, how much more if multiplied. The opportunities which come to us as members of W.M.U. in this March Week of Prayer are as limitless as our own willingness to enter into its plans of program and prayer. Earnest effort to enlist others will assure results, hastening the glad feet of missionary messengers and speeding the entering of as yet unoccupied fields. As men meet Jesus, He meets their needs. As Jesus meets the needs of men, nations are reborn. Our land to Christ we bring in *fervent prayer*!

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

March 1-5 Inclusive, 1937

Observed by WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, S.E.C.

MONDAY: March 1, 1937

SUBJECT: Sound Forth the Dominant Note

THEME for WEEK—"Sound Forth the Word" (1 Thess. 1:5)

PRAYER by PASTOR

HYMN of PRAISE—"Holy, Holy, Holy"

SCRIPTURE—The Power of the Gospel—Romans 1:16, 17; I Cor. 1:18-31

SILENT PRAYER of Thanksgiving for the Gospel

HYMN of COMMUNION—"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

TALK by PRESIDENT—(Suggestions for this talk will be found in notes to W.M.S. president on pages 2-3 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

TALK by PROGRAM CHAIRMAN—(This talk should emphasize the drawing on page 1, the week's theme, the purpose of the day's program which is to "sound forth the dominant note" as revealed in transformed lives, changed communities and God-called workers.)

HYMN—"America the Beautiful"

TWO TALKS on "A Life Transformed":

1—Courage (See article by that title on page 4 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

2—Sowing in Tears and Reaping in Joy (See article, page 5 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

PRAYER for Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Gartenhaus and for all efforts to evangelize the Jews in the south; prayer also for workers and work at Tampa, Fla.

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

THREE TALKS on "A Community Changed":

1—Among the French in Illinois (See article, page 6 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

2—Goves (See article, page 7 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

3—The Living Christ for the Mexicans (See article, page 7 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

SEASON of PRAYER for workers among Mexicans and among French in Illinois, also for Cuba

HYMN of CHRISTIAN ZEAL—"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

THREE TALKS on "A Herald Sent Forth":

1—Training of Negroes (See article, page 8 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

2—Behind the Numbers (See article, page 9 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

3—Uplifting Christ to Indians (See article, page 9 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

PRAYER for work among Indians and Negroes

HYMN—"Tell Me the Old, Old Story"

TALK—Why the Title "Annie W. Armstrong Offering"? (See article, page 10 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

PRAYER of thanksgiving for Miss Annie W. Armstrong and for her devotion to missions

INGATHERING of OFFERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS of Week's Plans

PRAYER that Annie W. Armstrong Offering may exceed its southwide goal of \$107,000 and that each W.M.U. organization in the church may exceed its goal

TUESDAY: March 2

SUBJECT: Sound Forth a Minor Note

PRAYER of PRAISE (by a New Member)

HYMN of PRAISE—"Come We Who Love the Lord"

SCRIPTURE—"Little Faith"—James 4:1-10; Matt. 6:30-33; 7:7-8

TALK by LEADER—(This talk should explain that the purpose of the program is to show that in the south "there is an appalling spiritual need and that the human resources are inadequate but that there is a divine source of supply".)

TWO TALKS on "An Appalling Need":

1—Unoccupied Fields in South Louisiana (See article, page 11 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

2—A Dead Cuban Baby (See article, page 12 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

PRAYER that all such needs may be met through the proclamation of God's Word; prayer for work in southern Louisiana and Cuba

HYMN of COMMUNION—"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

THREE TALKS on "Inadequate Resources":

1—Evangelism among the Aztecs in West Texas (See article, page 12 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

2—Among Alabama Negroes (See article, page 13 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

3—Southern Baptists and Evangelism among Negroes (See article, page 14 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

PRAYER for Rev. and Mrs. Noble Y. Beall, for all workers among Negroes and Mexicans in southland

HYMN—"Lord, I Hear of Showers of Blessing"

THREE TALKS on "A Source of Supply":

1—With Cubans in Florida (See article, page 14 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

2—Southern Baptist Work among Arizona Indians (See article, page 15 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

3—God Answers Prayer (See article, page 16 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

PRAYER for work among Indians, in Florida and at San Antonio

ANNOUNCEMENTS of Week's Plans

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

PRAYER that each W.M.U. organization in the church may surpass its goal and that southwide goal of \$107,000 may be surpassed

INGATHERING of OFFERING

HYMN for YEAR—"Christ for the World We Sing"

LORD'S PRAYER (in Unison)

WEDNESDAY: March 3

SUBJECT: Sound Forth a Sustained Note

PRAYER (by a New Member)

HYMN of PRAISE—"Oh, Worship the King"

SCRIPTURE—The Constraining and Strengthening Christ—II Cor. 5:14-21; 1:20-22; Phil. 4:13

WATCHWORDS (in Unison)—I Cor. 8:9; Zech. 4:8

TALK by LEADER (This talk should explain that the purpose of the program is to show "the why of the Week of Prayer, the encouragements of united prayer, the blessings we receive".)

HYMN of COMMUNION—"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

THREE TALKS on "The Why of the Week of Prayer":

1—Appeal for the March Week of Prayer (See "appeal" on page 17 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

2—The Week of Prayer among Mexicans in Texas (See article, page 18 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

3—Origin of the Week of Prayer (See article, page 19 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

PRAYER for Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Lawrence and for all associated with Home Mission Board; prayer for southwide observance of this Week of Prayer

HYMN—"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

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

THREE TALKS on "The Encouragements of United Prayer":

1—Young People at Good Will Center (See article, page 19 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

2—A Few Reasons for Rejoicing (See article, page 20 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

3—Prayer Changes Things at Socorro (See article, page 21 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

SEASON of PRAYER for Good Will Centers, for Spanish-Americans, for Mixed Bloods

THREE TALKS on "The Blessings We Receive":

1—Home Missions among the Choctaws (See article, page 21 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

2—The Home Board's Most Significant Policy (See article, page 22 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

3—Elisha Prayed—God Answered (See article, page 23 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

PRAYER for Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burton, Miss Emma Leachman, Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, for Indians

ANNOUNCEMENTS of Week's Plans

PRAYER that southwide and organizational goals may be surpassed

INGATHERING of OFFERING

HYMN—"Work, for the Night Is Coming"

THURSDAY: March 4

SUBJECT: Sound Forth the Triumphant Note

PRAYER (by a New Member)

HYMN of PRAISE—"All Hail the Power"

SCRIPTURE—Reasons for Christian Joy—Luke 10:17-20; Psa. 9:13-14; Phil. 4:4-7

TALK by LEADER (This talk should explain that the purpose of the program is to "show outstanding results on the fields in conversions, equipment, general growth".)

HYMN of COMMUNION—"In Heavenly Love Abiding"

THREE TALKS on "Conversions":

1—Baptist Rescue Mission (See article, page 25 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

2—At Acadia Baptist Academy (See article, page 26 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

3—Evangelistic Work for Foreigners (See article, page 26 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

RENDERING of LEAFLET—From Mothers' Club to W.M.S. (Order leaflet for 3c from W.M.U. Literature Dept., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

SEASON of PRAYER for foreigner work in Illinois, for Acadia Academy, for Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Newbrough

HYMN—"Rescue the Perishing"

TWO TALKS on "Buildings":

- 1—A House of Worship (See article, page 27 of week's W.M.S. folder.)
- 2—For Chinese in the Delta (See article, page 28 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

PRAYER for work in mountains and among Chinese in southland

TWO TALKS on "Growth":

- 1—Pressing toward the Goal in Cuba (See article, page 29 of week's W.M.S. folder.)
- 2—Hippians 4:19 (See article, page 30 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

PRAYER for Dr. and Mrs. M. N. McCall and all workers in Cuba, for Dr. J. W. Beagle, for local and southwide observance of March 5 as "Day of Prayer for Home Missions"

WATCHWORD (in Union)—Zech. 4:6

HYMN for YEAR—"Christ for the World We Sing"

ANNOUNCEMENTS as to Friday's Prayer Services

PRAYER that southwide and organizational goals may be far surpassed

INGATHERING of OFFERING

PRAYER for President of United States

HYMN—"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

FRIDAY: March 5

DAY of PRAYER for HOME MISSIONS

(For detailed information see pages 32-39 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

LEAFLET HELPS for HOME MISSION WEEK of PRAYER

March 1-5, 1937

Leaflets for Woman's Missionary Society

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See pages 9 and 33 for timely help in earliest possible study of the new home mission book, "Follow Me". Its primary purpose was to serve as the preparatory study book for the March Week of Prayer for Home Missions.

CIRCLE PLANS

CIRCLE'S MISSIONARY PROGRAM

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

WHEN YOUR CIRCLE STUDIES "FOLLOW ME", the new home mission book by Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, it will be stimulated to quicker planning by the following suggestions by Miss Mary Christian, corresponding secretary of Georgia W.M.U. The primary purpose of the book is for preparatory study before the March Week of Prayer for Home Missions. Miss Christian says:

"Follow Me", the new book prepared by Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, mission study editor of the Home Mission Board, for study preparatory for the Week of Prayer and Offering for Home Missions, presents the unoccupied fields in the southland. The theme, "Follow Me" (the words of Jesus in John 21), was chosen by the author as the "challenge supreme" to follow on and occupy in His name.

The mission study chairman should read the introduction, get the author's plan in writing the book and keep this in mind as she prepares to teach. It might be helpful to approach each phase of work studied in the chapters with the following questions: Is this field or problem a mission task? Is this field or problem at present included in the work of the Home Mission Board? If it is, to what extent is the present home mission force on this field adequate to claim it fully for Christ? From these perhaps one will see more clearly that, as the author says, the work under the Home Mission Board is but begun and that, to insure its advance and to help it further occupy for Him, there must be regular and adequate support and complete payment of hampering debts.

The use of Scripture as chapter subjects and introductions links the book in a fine way with the program theme for the Week of Prayer, "Sound Forth the Word". These chapter introductions would make splendid devotional messages at each study. Questions and helps for study and teaching are included at the end of each chapter, so here a brief summary by chapters is given for the convenience of circle chairmen.

Chapter I—"He Goeth Before"—In this chapter the author presents the challenge of a lost world, the world today steeped in sin as was the ancient world in which the disciples, the early followers, walked. She stresses the necessity for the individual Christian to be a "world-changer", to take seriously the business of witnessing, of following Him. She recognizes the place of the church in winning the masses outside the church both in cities and rural communities. Then she presents the place and scope of the work of the Home Mission Board which directs the missionary efforts for witnessing among those cut off by barriers of race, language, geographical location etc., a work which is beyond the ability of a single church to do, yet is the responsibility of all. Briefly the fields and groups among which the Home Mission Board works are presented.

Chapter II—"I Am the Way"—The obligation to send the Gospel to those who have never heard is stressed anew upon His followers who believe that Jesus is the only way. The nine and a half thousand orientals in the southland and the five large groups of Indians in New Mexico and Arizona alone, all of whom have scarcely had their paganism touched by Christianity, are the unoccupied fields given in this chapter, as well as the vast mountain areas where people are still in superstition and darkness without a knowledge of the Way.

Chapter III—"I Am the Light of the World"—Following through chapter three one finds more unclaimed areas for the Gospel in darkness, neglected living conditions, hampered by racial and language barriers to the mission and planting the Gospel in our communities and without the Light; the language and living conditions in the southland, especially, support these.

Chapter IV—"He That Sows Sows in Tears"—The Gospel grows in the southland, and the...




Mission Study Department



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

MISSION STUDY the YEAR 'ROUND

 W.M.U. places great emphasis upon mission study in its organizations for young people—the Y.W.A., Junior and Intermediate R.A. and G.A. and Sunbeam Bands. The plans set forth in the Year Book of W.M.U. make well planned, thoroughly executed mission study in these organizations an integral part of W.M.U.'s whole educational program. These are worth careful study. See Plan of Work in Year Book, Item d of Section III on Study (page 18, this reference and others in this article being to 1937 W.M.U. Year Book).

Another emphasis is found in the plans for institutes for training teachers of mission study, (Item e of Section III, page 18). Then see, Section VI, "Missionary Education of Young People" (page 21).

To be A-1 each organization must have at least one mission study class each year. See "Standards" on pages 27 and 28 and the delightful Chinese Boy Standard for Sunbeams on page 33.

On pages 46-48 are found pictures of the very attractive certificates for young people with many beautifully colored seals which are won by each member of our young people's organizations who completes the requirements of class study, reading the book and taking the test. These are greatly prized by our boys, girls and young women—and rightly so—for they mark a worthwhile task, worthily completed.

Of the tremendous importance of mission study for young people Mrs. A. L. Aulick, mission study chairman for W.M.U. of Oklahoma, recently wrote, (*Baptist Messenger*, November, 1936):

"God uses books on missions to call young people into world-wide service. It is not normal to give life to a cause about which we have not heard. Many times God uses knowledge of the world, the needs of the people and what ought to be done for them as a means to call His children into missionary service. After the study of a mission book, a young man or young woman realizes that the greatest need for service is in non-Christian lands or in unevangelized parts of his own country. A desire to enthrone Christ in the hearts of all men is the result. History proves this to be true. David Brainerd read the life of John Eliot and took up Eliot's life where he had left it. Henry Martyn read the life of Brainerd and was so inspired that he went to India as a missionary. Samuel Marsden read the same book and went to New Zealand. William Carey read 'Voyages' by Captain Cook and his interest in the world was aroused. 'The Star of the East' influenced Judson to give his life to the Burmans. David Livingstone read 'Guthrie's Appeal in Behalf of China' and gave his life to Africa. Basil Lee Lockett read 'The Life of Livingstone' and he, also, gave his life to the people of the Dark Continent. Dr. Scudder read 'The Plea of Six Hundred Millions' and went to India: his family has given 529 years of missionary service to the people of India. Surely the place of mission study in enlisting youth in service is large."—Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence

—See also pages 9 and 25

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering totaled \$267,184 by Jan. 26. Detailed report later




STEWARDSHIP SUGGESTIONS



Southwide Stewardship Chairman: Mrs. Carter Wright, Alabama

A BEAUTIFUL WORK!

 The most beautiful and challenging thing that has happened among southern Baptists in a long time took place at the recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. At this meeting it was unanimously voted to undertake the raising of \$100,000 cash as a memorial to Luther Rice, our great pioneering, Kingdom-building Baptist. It is to be a part of our Baptist Hundred Thousand Club.

The plan calls for one thousand memberships of one hundred dollars each. This would make \$100,000.00 and would constitute a fitting memorial to the most influential Baptist America has produced.

This money is to go to the payment of the principal of the debts of the several agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention in proportion to their debt needs. This would be a real hundred thousand dollar cash club and would make a most substantial reduction in our debts.

The Baptist Sunday School Board provides for the expense involved as a part of the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club effort. Thus every dollar received will be paid upon the debts.

It is hoped to secure the 1000 memberships and have the \$100,000 cash in hand by the meeting of the Southern

Baptist Convention in May. The idea is one that should appeal especially to southern Baptists since it is to Luther Rice more than any other man we owe our organized work: our conventions, boards, periodicals, educational and benevolent institutions.

Then \$100 is a fitting sum to constitute a Luther Rice Memorial membership, since it is just a hundred years since the death of this great sacrificial, heroic Baptist leader. And \$100 is an amount that many Baptists are able and ought to be happy to give for such a worthy purpose.

Also it is fitting that the money should be used to pay upon the debts of our southwide agencies. Luther Rice gave his best thought and effort and the last ten years of his life to paying Baptist debts. This is carrying on the work of Luther Rice. "He being dead yet speaketh!"

There ought to be a thousand women among the Baptists of the south who would join in this effort. There are hundreds of Women's Missionary Societies that could do this "over and above" their regular work. Women, pray over it and do something about it! Mary wrought a beautiful work upon her Lord. You can do likewise.

Write to J. E. Dillard, 161 Eighth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn., for further information.—J. E. Dillard, S.B.C. Director of Promotion

One of the high aims of Woman's Missionary Union in this calendar year is to secure for the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club 25,000 paid-up memberships. This effort is also in anticipation of the Union's Golden Jubilee. Please work exceptionally hard for its attainment.



FAMILY ALTAR



Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

TOPIC: The Spanish and Portuguese

"I see the ill that round me lies,
I feel the guilt within,
I hear, with groans and travail cries,
The world confess its sin.

Yet in the maddening maze of things
And tossed by storm and flood,
To one fixed stake my spirit clings:
I know that God is good".

"Abundant in Goodness"

1st Day—Ex. 33:19; 34:6
2nd Day—Isa. 63:7
3rd Day—Jer. 9:24
4th Day—Lam. 3:25
5th Day—Nah. 1:7
6th Day—Matt. 19:17
7th Day—Rom. 2:4; 11:22

"Glorious in Holiness"

15th Day—Ex. 3:5; 15:11
16th Day—Lev. 19:2
17th Day—Deut. 32:4
18th Day—I Sam. 2:2; 6:20
19th Day—Job 6:10; 15:15; 34:10
20th Day—Isa. 6:8; 12:6; 29:19, 28
21st Day—Jer. 2:5

"Good and Upright Is the Lord"

8th Day—Psa. 8:4; 17:7; 25:8
9th Day—Psa. 33:5; 36:7; 52:1
10th Day—Psa. 69:16; 73:1; 86:5
11th Day—Psa. 100:5; 106:1; 107:8, 9, 43
12th Day—Psa. 118:29; 119:64, 68
13th Day—Psa. 139:17, 18; 143:10
14th Day—Psa. 145:1-10

"Holy Is His Name"

22nd Day—Ezek. 39:7
23rd Day—Hab. 1:12, 13
24th Day—Matt. 5:48; 7:11
25th Day—Luke 1:46-55
26th Day—John 7:28, 29; 17:11
27th Day—Rom. 1:23; 2:10, 11
28th Day—Jas. 1:12, 13
29th Day—I Pet. 1:15, 16
30th Day—I John 1:5; 2:20
31st Day—Rev. 4:8; 6:10; 15:4

"Pray Ye"

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

Ask God's guidance in national, state and local gov-
ernments, praying for those who make and ad-
minister the laws, that righteousness may pre-
vail.

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

Pray that the observance of the March Week of Prayer
may greatly promote home missions, asking that
each W.M.U. member and every society will give
with unusual generosity toward the goal of \$100,000

for the Annie W. Armstrong Offering for Home Missions.
Intercede for the meetings in New Orleans in May of the Southern Baptist Con-
vention and of Woman's Missionary Union, asking God's guidance for their pre-
sidents and program committees, for New Orleans pastors and committees in
preparatory service.

Calendar of Prayer

March, 1937

Prepared by Mrs. Maud R. McLaren, Georgia

"O the Spirit filled life; is it thine, is it thine?
Is thy soul wholly filled with the Spirit Divine?"

Topic: The Spanish and Portuguese

1—MONDAY

Pray for faithful observance of the Week
of Prayer for Home Missions, March 1-5.
They ought always to pray and faint not.
—Luke 18:1

2—TUESDAY

For Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secre-
tary of Home Mission Board. Also for
Dr. J. W. Beagle, field secretary of mis-
sions in the boardland.
We must work the works of Him that sent
Me.—John 9:4

3—WEDNESDAY

Pray that the Annie W. Armstrong Offer-
ing for Home Missions may far exceed the
goal.
He that giveth let him do it with lib-
erality.—Rom. 12:8

4—THURSDAY

For Miss Emma Leachman, field worker
for Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.
The weapons of our warfare are not of the
flesh.—II Cor. 10:4

5—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. A. Pucciarelli (May
Dupre) and Miss Mary Headen, workers
among foreigners, Birmingham, Ala.
If any man love God the same is known
by Him.—I Cor. 8:3

6—SATURDAY

For teachers and students in Home Mis-
sion Board schools in Cuba. Also for
work in Panama.
Our help is in the name of Jehovah.
—Psa. 124:8

7—SUNDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Maurice Aguilard
(Eau), workers among the French, Baudre,
La.
My presence shall go with thee.
—Ex. 33:14

8—MONDAY

For Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, mis-
sion study editor for Home Mission Board.
The fear of Jehovah tendeth to life.
—Prov. 10:23

9—TUESDAY

For annual sessions of North Carolina,
Charlotte, March 9-11. Also for Rev.
and Mrs. H. H. Souges (Grace Mason),
evangelistic and educational work, Can-
ton, China.
Mine eyes shall be on the faithful.
—Psa. 101:6

10—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. B. W. Orrick (Vera
Humphries), evangelistic work, Monte-
video, Uruguay.
Trust in Jehovah and do good.
—Psa. 47:3

11—THURSDAY

For Mrs. R. E. Chambers (Lillian
Coffee) and Miss Lillian Thompson, Uni-
versity of Shanghai, China.
Verily there is a reward for the righteous.
—Psa. 58:11

12—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. M. E. Heard (Bertha
Dobkins), workers among Pima Indians,
Chandler, Ariz.
Thou art my help and deliverer.
—Psa. 40:17

13—SATURDAY

For Misses Susan Anderson and Nena
Young—on furlough—educational and W.
M.U. work, Abeokuta, Nigeria.
Godliness is profitable for all things.
—I Tim. 4:8

14—SUNDAY

For all native Spanish and Portuguese
Christian workers.
Walk ye before Me and be thou per-
fect.—Gen. 17:1

15—MONDAY

For Miss Ruth Randall, educational
work, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
Every good gift . . . is from above.
—Jas. 1:17

16—TUESDAY

For annual sessions of W.M.U. of Ala-
bama, Gadsden, and W.M.U. of Georgia,
Rome, March 16-18.
The Gospel of the Kingdom shall be
preached in the whole world.
—Matt. 24:14

Calendar of Prayer

March, 1937

"O thou child of the King, has He fallen on thee?
Does He reign in thy soul, so that all men may see
The dear Savior's image reflected in thee?"

Topic: The Spanish and Portuguese

17—WEDNESDAY

Pray for Mrs. S. L. Ginsburg, emerita missionary from Brazil.
Surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God.—Eccl. 8:12

18—THURSDAY

For Dr. L. R. Scarborough and faculty of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.
I will call upon Jehovah who is worthy to be praised.—Psa. 18:3

19—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. Franklin Ray (Daisy Petrus), evangelistic work, Hiroshima, Japan.
Jehovah is merciful and gracious.—Psa. 103:8

20—SATURDAY

For Miss Martha Franks, educational work, Hwang-Hai, China.
Ye shall receive power.—Acts 1:8

21—SUNDAY

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

22—MONDAY

For Miss Kathleen Manley, medical work, Ogbomoso, Nigeria.
It is the Spirit that giveth life.—John 6:63

23—TUESDAY

For annual sessions of W.M.U. of Tennessee, Knoxville, March 23-25.
Quicken me in Thy righteousness.—Psa. 119:40

24—WEDNESDAY

For Miss Agnes Graham, Colegio Bau-tista, Temuco, Chile.
Trust in Jehovah forever.—Isa. 26:4

25—THURSDAY

For Miss Mary Kelly, Christopher, and Mrs. Mildred Bollinger Stein, East St. Louis, workers among foreigners in Asia.
God is my high tower.—Psa. 59:17

26—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Davis (Mary Gamble), Mexican Publishing House, El Paso, Texas.
Thou art my stronghold.—Psa. 31:4

27—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Phil E. White (Marie Norman) and Miss Grace Strubling, evangelistic work, Chengchow, China.
I am not ashamed of the Gospel.—Rom. 1:16

28—SUNDAY

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

29—MONDAY

For Miss Pearl Todd and Miss Pearl Johnson, educational work, Chafoo, China.
I press on toward the goal.—Phil. 3:14

30—TUESDAY

For annual sessions of W.M.U. of Louisiana, Winfield, March 30-April 1.
Blessed are they that sow beside all waters.—Isa. 32:20

31—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. T. F. McCrea (Jesse Reed), missionaries emerita from China.
His commandments are not grievous.—I John 5:3

Attended W.M.U. Training School
Attended Southwestern Training School
Attended Baptist Bible Institute



BIBLE STUDY



Elia Broadus Robertson, Kentucky

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.

THEME for YEAR: The Holy Spirit in Missions

TOPIC for MONTH: POWER in WITNESSING

Acts 3:1-8; 4:7-14, 18-20

References for Study: Acts 3:1-41; 5:17-32; 6:8-7:60; 12:1-19

Acts 1:8 is really the text of the book: "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto Me"—witnesses in an ever-widening circle. Here the scene is still in Jerusalem. The lovely incident of the man healed at the temple gate led to another great opportunity for witnessing. Arrested, Peter and John found more promises fulfilled. Courage did not fail them in prison, nor words before the council. "Settle it in your hearts", Jesus had said, "not to meditate beforehand what ye shall answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which they shall not be able to resist. . . . For it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Spirit". So the Sadducees, who hated the resurrection, had to hear it boldly proclaimed. And when they commanded these extraordinary men to stop, they answered: "We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard".

Here occurs the first Christian hymn, a burst of thanksgiving when the two, returning to their companions, told their experiences. (See page 16.) What happened? Acts 4:31

Miracles increased the apostles' influence, and Solomon's porch became a regular meeting place for believers. Multitudes joined them, and sick folk brought from the country round "were healed every one". The infuriated Sadducees put all the apostles in prison. But, released by an angel, they went straight to the temple in the early morning and taught. The council solemnly gathered, but the birds were flown! Finally brought to court and angrily reproved, they said calmly: "We ought to obey God rather than men". Again they describe Jesus, exalted "to be a Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses of these things; and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God hath given to them that obey Him". This time the apostles are beaten but depart, "rejoicing to suffer shame for His name".

A heartening story! But next comes a deeper meaning for "witness" (*martyria*), our word martyr. For Stephen, falsely accused like his Master, went gallantly to his death. His judges saw him with face like an angel's. He saw the Heavens opened, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God. "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit", he cried; and then, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge"; and so fell asleep.

James, the brother of John, followed Stephen into martyrdom, and Peter's death was planned. But again an angel opened the prison, and Peter surprised the disciples in the familiar upper room with the answer to their prayers. Little Rhoda (Rose) at the gate, forgetting to open it for very gladness, gives a pretty touch to the scene.

Meantime a young Pharisee, well-pleased at Stephen's death, was persecuting
(Concluded on Page 33)

BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Explanatory Note—This additional B.W.C. program for this month is for the convenience of Business Women's Circles in their observance of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, the inclusive dates of which are March 1-5. If your circle has not received a copy of the W.M.S. program folder carrying the programs for the five days of the Week of Prayer, please write to your state W.M.U. headquarters (address on page 2). The closing day (Friday) is the "Day of Prayer" and it is earnestly hoped that many B.W.C. members will make a very special effort to get to the services some time during that Friday, the fifth. The following B.W.C. program has been framed by selecting parts from each of the first four days' programs. For its preparation will be needed the W.M.S. folder mentioned above. The regular monthly B.W.C. program is on page 17.

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

Theme for Week: "Sound Forth the Word"—Goal for Offering: \$107,000

Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Scripture: Rom. 1:16, 17; Matt. 6:30-33; II Cor. 1:20-22; Phil. 4:4-7

Talk: Sowing in Tears and Reaping in Joy (See page 5 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

Talk: The Living Christ for the Mexicans (See page 7 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

Prayer for work among Mexicans, Jews and other foreigners in southland

Hymn: "Come We Who Love the Lord"

Talk: Southern Baptists and Evangelism among Negroes (See page 14 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

Talk: Elisha Prayed—God Answered (See page 23 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

Hymn: "Rescue the Perishing"

Talk: Pressing toward the Goal in Cuba (See page 29 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

Talk: Philippians 4:19 (See page 30 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

Prayer for all work and workers of Home Mission Board

Talk: Why the Title "Annie W. Armstrong Offering"? (See page 10 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

Appeal of Home Mission Board (See page 17 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

Prayer that Annie W. Armstrong Offering may exceed its southwide goal of \$107,000 and that circle may exceed its goal

Gathering of Offering

—Prayer

The Earliest Christian Hymn

"O Lord, that madest Heaven and earth,
The sea and all therein,
How shouldst Thou heed the rage of man,
His folly and his sin?"

"Kings set themselves in vain array
Against the Christ of God,
And governors and priests conspired
To shed His sacred blood.

"Yet still He lives, and still He saves,
With signs and wonders shown.
Oh, make Thy servants bold to speak
What they have seen and known".

(Tune: Dundee)

—From Sunday School Times

BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Miss Isabelle Coleman, North Carolina

Poster Suggestion—Print *Lands of Charm and Crosses* across top of wall poster. Under this, to the left sketch a treasure box overflowing with precious beauties of Spanish speaking countries: viz.—Brazilian diamonds, Spanish shawls, Portuguese pearls, Mexican pottery, Cuban fans. To the right sketch peoples from these lands—all burdened, depressed, fear-stricken and sorrowful and with eyes fastened upon a cross subtly formed in the dark, overhanging clouds. Under this, print invitation to circle meeting.

Program Suggestion—This program may be made more vital by adapting the outline program on page 19 to a newspaper presentation. The issue of *Royal Service*, the current news monthlies and daily newspapers will furnish some fresh facts about all of these countries. Incorporate these into improvised mimeographed newspaper. Give every one a copy upon arrival. Let members give impromptu news items. By previous assignment let other members supplement these news items with facts from program material (pages 18-27). Business women will like this informal round table hour. Pause for audible prayer whenever the atmosphere of the moments affords the opportunity.

Baptist Prospects in Spain—These turbulent days in Spain naturally train the focus of southern Baptist mission telescope upon our Castilian sisters and brothers in Christ and the future for Christ in this war torn land of old castles, ancient charm and present impetuosity.

Brother Ambrosia Celma, secretary of the Baptist Convention of Spain, writes that so far "we have been free from persecution and our lives protected. There were days of great danger for us, but the Lord protected us and the hatred of men did not reach our homes".

Mrs. Nils Bengtson, at present in Sweden, writes that she is making plans to return to Spain soon. She emphasizes that upon the close of the present conflict, regardless of which side wins, the opportunities will be limitless and the needs greater than ever before in this generation. The doors of human hearts bereaved and crushed will be open to the calming, strengthening love of God.

Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, is alert to seize every opportunity to secure the safety, present and future, of our Baptist people in Spain and to safeguard Kingdom prospects for the future. He is in close touch with the situation and has already done much that demands the gratitude of world Baptists.

Dr. Charles E. Maddy, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, says: "At present we are standing by our people there the very best we can and marking time until this terrible devastation is passed. Of course our chapels are closed. Many of them are being used as hospitals and shelter for refugees. But regardless of who the victims may be in the end, we have assurance of liberty to press forward as never before in Spain as soon as the war is over. We hope to increase our investments for the Kingdom immediately. We want to send out some new missionaries to help the Bengtsons. We must have a small seminary and training school as soon as possible. Of all the fields of the world today, Spain is the neediest. She is now reaping Catholic domination of the centuries, and only the free Gospel of Jesus Christ can insure her future. We must be ready to press forward immediately upon the declaration of peace".

Sincerest gratitude is herewith expressed to Mrs. W. E. Borlan (Walton Coker) of Birmingham, who so generously gave the meaningful drawing for the front cover page of this issue. The same artistic design was used on the February cover of the magazine and of the W.M.S. program folder for the March Week of Prayer. Hearty appreciation is also extended to all who in any way helped to secure and send in the renewals and new subscriptions for *ROYAL SERVICE* as acknowledged on page 36.



PROGRAM PLANS



Mrs. T. M. Pittman, North Carolina

With the PROGRAM COMMITTEE



"People today need a declaration: 'This is what Christ has done for me; He can do the same for you and for all' Preachers and Christians must declare: 'This is what happened to us'. We need more testimony and witnessing".—E. Stanley Jones

These words from one of the world's great Christian leaders fit into the Bible study for March. Read carefully Acts 4:7-14, 18-20. Note the questions of the Jewish priests: "By what power or what name have ye done this?" Study the reply in verses 10 and 11: "By the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth". Then the later words of Peter and John (verse 20): "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard". There should be an earnest prayer offered by the committee that fresh personal experiences of the power of God may be felt by each one on the committee and in the society, also that each shall be impelled to speak and testify. (See page 15.)

As the committee takes up the study for March—"The Spanish and Portuguese"—there will come questions to the mind of each. Why did the early explorers from these two countries of Spain and Portugal brave the terrors and hardships of unknown seas and lands? Why did they risk their lives among hostile peoples?

A study of the program material given by Mrs. Creasman (pages 19-27) will offer some answers. Thus it will be seen that they are a mixed race, descended from roving races whose purpose was to gain land and wealth and power at the expense of weaker nations.

The opening talk should bring out these racial traits and give a sketch of

the explorations and conquests of Columbus, Cortez and Pizarro. This should be followed by a talk on the present situation in Spain. The war in that country has been one of the most terrible in history. It will be a hundred years doubtless before the effects can be wiped out. The lost art treasures can never be replaced, the lives destroyed can never be recalled, the spirit of hatred developed will burn in the hearts of many generations. How important that Christians should hasten with the banner of love of the Prince of Peace!

The next talk on the program should tell of Baptist mission work in Spain and Portugal and in the River Plate countries and in Brazil (pages 23-25). The fourth talk may sketch our mission work in Mexico, Cuba and in our southland among the Spanish people (pages 25-27).

To illustrate these talks the following plan might be followed. On a blackboard (or large sheet of paper fastened to the wall) mark the upper right hand corner "Portugal and Spain". Fasten different length strings in a bunch at this corner. Tie tags on them, the longest marked Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay and Brazil, the next length Mexico, then Cuba, then our southland.

As the countries are told about in the talks, the strings should be stretched and pinned to points diagonally across the board or paper. A line might be carried back to Portugal and down from there to show the African mission. The tag should be pinned just as the country is mentioned. This little plan will help to illustrate the extent of Spanish and Portuguese influence and also prove afresh that our "God Most High" has indeed "beat for us a pathway to the ends of all the earth". Shall not His messengers follow these pathways?



PROGRAM for MARCH



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

Prepared by Mrs. C. D. Creasman, Tennessee

THEME for YEAR: "In His Name among All Nations, Beginning at Jerusalem"

TOPIC for MONTH: The Spanish and Portuguese

Hymn for Year—"Christ for the World We Sing" (See cover page of 1937 Year Book.)

Watchword for the Year—"Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts"—Zech. 4:6

Bible Study—Power in Witnessing—Acts 4:7-14, 18-20 (See page 15.)

Prayer that we may be powerful witnesses because of the presence of the Holy Spirit

Hymn—"Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

The Spanish

—The Portuguese

—The Conquistadores

Hymn—"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

—Spiritual Needs

Modern Baptist Conquerors

In Spain

—In Portugal

—In the River Plate Countries

In Brazil

—In Mexico

—In Cuba

—In the Southland

Hymn—"Onward Christian Soldiers"

Prayer that we may be faithful in giving the Gospel to the Spanish and Portuguese speaking people of the world

The SPANISH



At the mention of the Spanish people a thousand pictures come before our minds — some most attractive and others equally unattractive. We see gallant cavaliers and gay señoritas expressing their ardent devotion to the tuneful strains of a guitar. We see conquistadores daring to sail unknown seas to find unknown lands. We see architects and artists erecting and decorating

palaces and temples of unsurpassed beauty. We see cruel inquisitors torturing their victims. We see Christian martyrs choosing to suffer death rather than give up their faith in Christ. We see Philip the Second building his "Armada" with which he expected to conquer England and the world. We see Ferdinand and Isabella providing means for the exploration of strange seas. We see Columbus setting out for a new world. We see Don Quixote with his windmill, and Carmen in her wild gypsy dance. We see a people of beauty and art, of poetry and song, of courage and self sacrifice and, at the same time, we see what many declare to be the most cruel, the most despotic, the most

greedy, the most unscrupulous of all the races in the world. They have been a very religious people, and yet in the name of that religion they have committed the most atrocious crimes recorded on the pages of history. They have been very ambitious and have let their desire for power and gold lead them into most horrible deeds against other races. They are a beauty loving people, and yet they have perhaps shed more blood than any other of earth's races.

Who Are They? The Spanish people are a mixture of various races. Their national home is the larger portion of the Iberian Peninsula, at the southwest end of Europe. The first inhabitants of this land were the Iberians. Then in the early dawn of European history there came to this peninsula the Celts, kinsmen of the various Celtic tribes of western Europe who have so influenced the history of the world as found in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. These mixed with the Iberians to form the Celtiberian race. As years passed by, other nations came, conquering the land and living there for a period of time—the Phoenicians, the Carthaginians, the Romans, the Goths and the Moors have all left a trace of their racial blood in the inhabitants of the peninsula and have helped to make the Spanish people as we know them today. They are short of stature and dark in skin and hair and eyes. Dr. Gill, the superintendent of our European work, describes them as “a handsome people, intelligent, brave, musical, artistic, possessing the delightful social graces so characteristic of the Latin race. But, taken as a whole, they unfortunately lack those qualities of initiative, energy and business talent that are so necessary in these materialistic days”.

Where Do They Live? As we have said, the national home of the Spanish people is the Iberian Peninsula. Here live about twenty-two million people. The population is very dense, there being about ninety-five people to the square mile. Spain is potentially rich,

for her mountains are full of ores and much of the land is capable of high production of fruit, grains and vegetables. And yet, after visiting this country Dr. Maddy says: “Spain is a land of stagnation and arrested development. Her masses are backward in agriculture and industry. . . . It is an arid, dry, hot land; and men, women and donkeys are the beasts of burden. It is a land of handwork and man power”.

Of course today the terrible conflict in Spain is taking the lives of thousands of her people. As we look on we wonder what the outcome will be. When the struggle is over which will be in power, the present government or the rebels, the Reds or the Fascists? Will the country be a democracy or a monarchy or under a dictatorship? Will the condition of the people be better or worse? Nobody can answer these questions as we look on this horrible shedding of blood, grieving because it is being perpetrated on a people whose condition is already deplorable enough.

Not all Spanish people live in Spain. Spain owns the Balearic and Canary Islands and possessions on the west coast of Africa, where live many Spanish speaking people. The Spanish have always been explorers and colonizers, so we find today in different parts of the world whole nations of Spanish speaking people who are no longer under the Spanish government. By far the most of these are in the Americas. In fact there are many times more Spanish speaking people on the western hemisphere than there are in Spain. Most of the South American nations are Spanish speaking. Even in our own land we have a large group of Spanish speaking people. Of course most of these in the Americas are not of pure Spanish blood, for the Spanish mixed with the aborigines and with other immigrants to produce in every land a new race of people, and yet in all these Spanish Americans the Spanish blood strain is strong and has great influence on the customs and characteristics of the people.

THE PORTUGUESE

ALONG the southwestern side of the Iberian Peninsula lies the country of Portugal, only a little larger than the state of Maine. This is the national home of the Portuguese, a people—like their Spanish neighbors—famed for exploration and colonization. The Portuguese are descendants of the same people as the Spanish—the Celtiberian—and have been affected by the invasion of the same nations. They too are short of stature and decidedly brunette in coloring. In Portugal and the two islands which are a part of the national territory live almost seven million people. The population is even denser than that in Spain, there being one hundred fifty-two to the square mile. Portugal has possessions in Asia and Africa, covering an area twenty-three times as large as the homeland and adding about eight million people to her population.

By far the largest group of Portuguese speaking people in the world is in Brazil. Indeed, there are six times as many people in Brazil as in Portugal including her island possessions. For over three hundred years Brazil was an appanage of the Portuguese crown. In 1882 she became an independent nation, but Portuguese is still her language, and her people have derived many of their customs and characteristics from the mother nation.

Adding the population of Brazil to that of Portugal and her colonies makes a total of about fifty-five million Portuguese speaking people in the world. Their language is similar to the Spanish, both evolved out of the Latin. However, they are by no means the same, and people speaking one cannot readily understand the other.

THE CONQUISTADORES

A SUNBURNED, weatherbeaten, travel-worn sailor paced the deck of a frail craft, peering into the darkness, looking in vain for the light of an unknown shore. The waves of an unknown sea beat around him. Below, his fellow sailors were plotting to throw

him overboard if he would not turn back. But with a courage that was undaunted and a faith that refused to give up, he continued to sail on and to look ahead until he saw a light—a light that grew to be two continents. It was Columbus, a Spanish admiral, sailing with a Spanish fleet, manned by a Spanish crew, financed by the jewels of a Spanish queen. And he had become the discoverer of our America.

A young commander faced his soldiers, who looked back at him with angry scowls on their faces. They had reasons to be angry, for this commander had led them to the shores of a strange land and then had destroyed all of their ships except one, leaving them without means of returning to their homes. They had sailed from Cuba to Mexico with high hopes of gaining new lands and great riches. Things had become very difficult. Many of their number had died. The dissatisfied soldiers had made up their minds to steal provisions, make their way back to the ships and set sail for Cuba. And their commander had destroyed the ships! Of course they were incensed and ready to destroy their commander, but he stood bravely before them, spoke a few challenging words and changed their anger into such enthusiasm that they cried: “To Mexico, to Mexico!” Cortez, a young Spaniard, had proved himself to be a conqueror of men as well as of continents. Then into Mexico he and his men went on an expedition which was to destroy the ancient civilization of the Aztecs and to implant the Spanish flag and the cross over a new world empire.

Another young man stood facing another group of discouraged soldiers, half naked and half starved. A fleet of vessels was in the harbor ready to take them back to Panama from whence they had sailed to find Peru, that mysterious land where gold was said to abound like the sands of the sea. The men were willing enough to turn back, but not the young leader. He had sealed a vow to find the golden kingdom, and nothing could turn him back. Favor-

able winds were blowing, boats were ready to sail, his men ready to leave him. He stepped in front of the company and with his sword traced in the sand a line from east to west. Stepping back and turning toward the south he said: "Friends and comrades, on that side are toil, hunger, nakedness, the drenching storm, desertion and death; on this side ease and pleasure. There lies Peru with its riches; here, Panama and its poverty. Choose each man what best becomes a brave Castilian. For my part I go to the south". He stepped across the line and with him twelve others. The rest boarded the ships for Panama. These thirteen men started toward the south on a crusade that did not end until "another ancient civilization was destroyed, amazing fortunes made and the white man far advanced on the road to the conquest of all the southern continent".

These are stories of a few of the conquistadores, those dauntless men who, led by lust for gold and lust for power and love of adventure, dared to sail the vastness of unknown seas to discover new lands and conquer strange people. They were willing to face danger, to endure starvation, to suffer disease that more gold might pour into their coffers and more land be added to the possessions of their country. With such a spirit it is little wonder that they conquered much of the new world. And today, even though Spain and Portugal are small countries and of little importance in world affairs, their languages are spoken by millions of people on both hemispheres and their influence is felt in the civilization of great nations.

SPIRITUAL NEEDS

THE spiritual needs of all Spanish and Portuguese people are the same, whether they live in old Spain and Portugal or in Mexico, Argentina, Brazil, Cuba or the United States. In fact the cause of their spiritual need is the same—they are practically all Roman Catholic people. Spain has been the

most fanatic of all Catholic countries. "Her service to the Roman Catholic Church has been the largest and most loyal, and her subservience to this church has been the most abject and complete of any nation in Europe". Without question this is the reason why she now occupies a lower place in point of influence and power than any other European nation which once played a leading role in world affairs.

"The Spanish are a people without a spiritual religion. They know nothing of the Word of God or of the Gospel of His Son. They have Mary and the saints, the wonderful cathedrals, the rich and pompous church dignitaries, the fiestas, the processions and the mass; but they have as little vital spiritual Christianity and even lower moral ideals and practices than the pagans of China. Dire poverty, brutalizing sports, sexual license, illegitimacy, superstition, ignorance and degradation are the common lot of the masses".

What is true in Spain and Portugal, is also true of Spanish and Portuguese speaking people in the new world. Here, too, they are as a rule a people with a form of Christianity but knowing little or nothing of its power. The Spanish and Portuguese conquerors forced Catholicism on the aborigines but taught them little or nothing about saving faith in Jesus Christ and even allowed them to carry some of their heathen rites over into their new religion. The Bible is a closed book to most of them. Worship is a form of idolatry, for crosses and images of the saints and Mary are their real gods. Ignorance, immorality and low ideals of living predominate. Their religion has no beneficial influence on their character. In one strongly Catholic city in South America sixty-four per cent of the children are born out of wedlock. Through all of these lands, people in general have no conscience on immorality.

The last few years have brought many changes, both political and religious, to the Spanish and Portuguese

countries. The Catholic Church has lost much of its power. All of these nations claim to have religious liberty. All too often when people turn from Catholicism they become atheists and agnostics. "Religion or priestcraft, as they have seen it, is an evil, hurtful to human beings". Not being able to distinguish between the different kinds of religions they turn away from all. Others are turning to false religions. Spiritualism especially is getting a strong hold in many places. "There are mediums all about, and the people from all classes consult them on all imaginable subjects. Also there is fetish worship and all manner of low, degrading beliefs and practices".

Some who turn from Catholicism and learn about true Christianity refuse to accept it because of their unwillingness to give up their sins. In "Sharing with Neighbor America", Dr. Taylor tells of a cultured Latin-American gentleman who had attended a Baptist church regularly for many Sundays. When the pastor asked him the state of his soul he replied: "I believe the Gospel message you preach. It is the truth with no mixture of error. But you would not have me in your church. I have my lawful home and maintain my concubine in another house in town. I drink, gamble, do as I please on Sundays, live in worldly circles, go to spiritualist seances and Catholic fiestas when it interests me or is socially convenient. How long would I last in your church?" "Not long", said the pastor, as he pled in vain for a real conversion.

Surely the spiritual condition of all these countries is such as to call to us to do our utmost to give them the true Gospel. We would give them for their dead crosses the living Christ. We would give them for their immorality His righteousness, for their ignorance His truth, for their conflicts His peace, for their sorrow His joy.

MODERN BAPTIST CONQUERORS

LONG ago Spanish and Portuguese conquerors went forth in the spirit

of faith and courage to find new lands and people and to conquer them for their king and the Catholic Church. Let us think of southern Baptists as modern conquerors, going forth to conquer for Christ these Spanish and Portuguese speaking peoples of the world. It requires the same daring and courage to be a missionary as to be a conqueror of lands and peoples. The missionary must have the faith of Columbus, the daring of Cortez, the self sacrificing spirit of Pizarro. But our missionaries have more, they have the spirit of Christ and go forth not to get but to give, not to seek gold but to seek God, not to conquer for an earthly king and a dead cross but for the King of kings and the living Christ of the cross. Let us study the work of our modern Baptist conquerors in Spanish and Portuguese lands.

(The preceding paragraph should be given by the leader of the program, and if there are enough women in the society each of the following should be discussed by a different speaker.)

In Spain

It is probable that the Gospel was carried to Spain by the Apostle Paul. Certainly he planned to go there, for he wrote the Roman Christians that he would stop to visit them on his way to Spain. And certain it is that early in the Christian era a church was established in Spain. As with all churches of Europe this church, in the course of time, came under the dominion of Rome and ceased to be a spiritual power. Indeed, as we have already seen, Catholicism gained its strongest foothold in Spain, and this land remains even to this day the most fanatically Catholic community in the world.

The power of Rome has made Baptist work in Spain most difficult. A Baptist missionary once said that if one hundred should be baptized in that country he would consider it a miracle. There has been Baptist work in Spain for about sixty years. Swedish Baptists, English Baptists and other groups

have tried to take the Gospel to this Catholic land. Then, in the London Conference of 1920 Spain was one of the European lands assigned to our Foreign Mission Board. There were, at that time, two Swedish missionaries in Spain—Rev. and Mrs. Nils Bengtson. They came under our board and have been among our most faithful and devoted missionaries. When we took over the work in Spain there were probably not more than two hundred Baptists in the whole land. Now we have nineteen churches with one thousand fifty-four members and one hundred four were baptized in 1934. Isn't it wonderful that in one year they baptized more than the hundred which the early missionary considered an impossible number to win?

Dr. Maddry tells some most interesting things about the Spanish churches. He says: "The women cover their heads in church with a black veil or mantilla. In rural churches a supply is kept in the church, and as the women enter they provide themselves with a head covering. The people are intensely social and much visiting and many salutations take place when believers meet. The women kiss each other on both cheeks, and the men overwhelm one with expressions of joy at meeting. All of the believers sing in the meetings. It is a real exercise, for each one screams at the full capacity of voice and lungs. They come prepared for a long service and the sermon is never long enough". Dr. Maddry tells us that the pastors' salaries are pitifully small, yet none of them complain. The little seminary has been closed for several years and there is a paralyzing lack of pastors, colporters and evangelists.

As we think about these Spanish Baptists we can't help but wonder how they are affected by this terrible conflict raging in their land. Are some of our Baptist brethren among the sufferers? Doubtless many of them are in the midst of the conflict. Doubtless the churches are closed or, if not closed, unable to go on with their work. How

we do need to pray for the Baptists in this war wrecked land! How we do need to pray that out of this conflict a new Spain will emerge where the Gospel can be preached with more power than ever before!

In Portugal

Portugal, like Spain, has always been a fanatically Catholic country and like Spain she has carried her religion into all her colonies and has forced Catholicism upon all the people whom she has subjugated. As we know, Brazil was once one of her colonies and, as a result, became as Catholic as was Portugal herself. Over fifty years ago southern Baptists sent missionaries to Brazil and, after half a century of work there, a strong Baptist constituency has grown up amid Brazilian Catholicism. A few years ago these Baptists of Brazil felt that they were ready to do some foreign mission work of their own. In their choice of a field their minds and hearts turned toward the mother country—that land which had sent their forefathers to found a new nation in South America, that land where those of the same blood were speaking the same language still lived, that land still cursed by all the fanaticism of centuries of Roman domination. They felt that no better foreign field for Brazilian Baptists could be found, so to Portugal they sent their first foreign missionary—Brother Antino Mauricio. As a result of his work there are now twelve Baptist churches in Portugal. In 1934 these reported seventy-six baptisms, giving them a total membership of four hundred twenty-three.

Portuguese Baptists also have the missionary spirit and have organized a church in Africa. The suggestion has been made that this is the great granddaughter of southern Baptists!

In the River Plate Countries

There are three republics in South America known as the River Plate countries. These are Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay. The great River

Plate, meaning River of Silver, has played an important role in the making of these countries and tends to unite them into a common life. They are united in our thinking of southern Baptist work, for it is through Argentina that we have served the other two lands. Ever since 1903 southern Baptists have had missionaries in Argentina. The progress of the work was rapid and at the end of four years there were five churches and the River Plate Baptist Convention was organized. After twenty-eight years, in this convention are seventy-four churches with a membership of almost five thousand. From the very beginning this convention was missionary in spirit. To their very first meeting came a call from Chile, and most enthusiastically did the small group of Argentine Baptists vote to help with the work there. They continued their support of the Chilean Mission until southern Baptists took it over in 1917. In point of numbers the Chilean work is today over half as strong as that in Argentina, with thirty-nine churches and about three thousand members.

Then in 1911 the Argentine Convention began work in Uruguay. Indifference to moral and spiritual things has made work in this little republic most difficult. However, progress has been made, and eighteen were baptized last year. A rich young man, whom the doctors had pronounced hopelessly insane, heard the Gospel, accepted it and was baptized and became perfectly sane. This case has attracted the attention of the local doctors, the local priest and the Catholics of this town. From Argentina and Uruguay have gone Baptists into Paraguay to establish a work there and thus have the River Plate countries been united in Baptist effort.

In Brazil

The largest of all Latin American countries is Brazil with its thirty-nine million Portuguese speaking people. Southern Baptists entered Brazil fifty-five years ago. The progress of our

work there makes one of the most thrilling stories in missionary history. We have today schools in all the principal centers. We have five hundred twenty churches, and almost fifty thousand people in this Catholic land proudly call themselves Baptists. The Sunday school enrollment exceeds that of the churches, and fourteen thousand women and young people are engaged in W.M.U. work. A new publishing house, which would be a joy and pride to any denomination in any land, is sending each year millions of pages of Baptist literature all over Brazil.

Brazilian Baptists are very missionary in spirit. They were largely responsible for the beginning of work in Argentina, and we have already seen how they are conducting work in Portugal. In 1934 the Brazilian Foreign Mission Board brought their missionary in Portugal back home to tell the people about his work. He made a wonderful impression on the people as he told of the heroic struggle and faithful Christian example of his Portuguese brethren. Splendid home mission work is done by Brazilian Baptists among immigrants, Indians and other people in the interior sections. This work has created so much interest and has opened so many opportunities that fourteen workers are now employed.

In Mexico

For the cost of two pennies and in less than two minutes we can walk across the Rio Grande from the United States into Mexico. But oh what a difference those few steps make! Our own land enjoys the blessings of Christian civilization, while Mexico has all the curses of a country for centuries under the control of Catholicism. Southern Baptists have not been slow to cross the border, taking the Gospel into Mexico. Since 1880 we have had missionaries there. Our work of recent years has been made almost impossible because of the attitude of the government toward religion. Finally all of our missionaries have been compelled to

leave the land. And no organized work is being carried on by missionaries at the present time. We have been compelled to sell most of our property and the other part of it has been confiscated by the government. All of our schools are closed. However we are glad to know that a Seminary for the training of Mexican preachers has been established at San Antonio, Texas. This is a joint project of the Foreign and Home Boards and the Texas Baptist Convention. It opened September 4, 1936, and now has an enrollment of thirty-one students. Surely we should carry Mexico on our hearts and pray earnestly for the Baptists there that they may keep the faith during these troublesome times. And surely we should do all in our power to give the Gospel to Mexicans on this side of the border, so as they go back to old Mexico they may become missionaries to their own people.

In Cuba

Cuba was the first land in the western hemisphere to feel the imprint of European feet, and those feet were Spanish. It must be acknowledged that the feet of Spanish despotism trod ruthlessly upon the poor Cubans for several centuries, and it was only at the end of the Spanish-American War that Cuba was released from the bondage of the Spanish government. Even yet she feels the bondage of Spanish Catholicism which keeps most of her people ignorant, poor and degraded.

Southern Baptists include Cuba in their home missionary program. We have there forty-six churches with almost four thousand members. In writing of last year's work, Dr. McCall says: "National affairs and working conditions have been better than for the past three years. The political affairs of the nation have gone more smoothly. We have had no revolutions and no disturbing strikes to interfere with transportation facilities or interrupt special evangelistic efforts. These improved conditions are reflected in the amount of work done by our mission-

aries and the results attained. While we are still stirred by the distress and need about us, we are grateful that there has been improvement."

There has been a revival spirit in Cuba almost equal to that in north China. In many sections wonderful evangelistic campaigns have been carried on with gratifying results.

Cuba received about \$50,000 last year from the Bottoms Trust Fund. This is making possible the erection of six chapels, the re-opening of the seminary and has greatly helped the Cuban-American College. In speaking of the future in Cuba Dr. McCall says: "God opens doors to us faster than we can enter them. In many out-of-the-way places seed that was sown long ago in other fields has sprung up and they call for us to come to them. We believe that if we are faithful and diligent great things await us in the future. The Word of the Lord is not bound in Cuba but, as seed sown in a fertile field, is bringing forth a rich and ripe harvest—if we can but send the reapers."

In the Southland

By means of a flock of birds God directed Columbus to Cuba instead of the shores of Florida, so our country became English-Protestant rather than Spanish-Catholic. The Spanish conquistadores made several attempts to get possession of North America, but by the providence of God this country was preserved for the Anglo-Saxon race. However, in our southland today are perhaps a million Spanish speaking people. By far the largest per cent of these are Mexicans, but there are some Cubans, some immigrants from other Spanish lands and others are descendants of early Spanish settlers who have never become wholly Americanized. Most of our Spanish population live west of the Mississippi over in Texas along the Mexican border and on out through New Mexico and Arizona. Then there is a large Cuban population in southern Florida.

Our largest work among Spanish people is among that largest group, the Mexicans. Our Home Board had forty-six workers among them last year. These reported almost a thousand conversions about half of whom were baptized. Seven new churches were organized and eight new missionaries were added to the force.

We have two schools connected with our Mexican work: the Mexican Baptist Institute at Bastrop, Texas; and the Anglo-Mexican Institute at El Paso. Paul Bell, the director of the Mexican Baptist Institute, is rejoicing because last year the building on which he has labored for fourteen years was completed. The school in El Paso ministers not only to Mexicans in El Paso but to those across the border in the Mexican city of Juarez. Of the one hundred and fifty day-school pupils last year one hundred were from Juarez. Professor Velez, the superintendent of this school, rejoices over improvements

recently made on the school property. A Mexican senator and special friend of Mr. Velez, who saw the property before and after the repairs, remarked to him: "Professor, those Baptists must be rich or they would not undergo such expense in these hard days for some other people's sake". Mr. Velez answered: "Yes sir, they are, though not exactly in the way you think. They are the richest people on earth because they are rich in faith". Then the Mexican gentleman, who is not a Christian, said: "If there is a way to make them know it tell them they are marvelous people, and that I admire them and appreciate what they are doing for my people".

Besides the Mexican work, we have four missionaries among the Spanish speaking people of New Mexico, three among the Cubans of Ybor City, Florida, and one among Spanish people in St. Louis. These reported last year one hundred two baptisms and one new church organized.

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Who are the Spanish?
2. Where do the Spanish speaking people of the world live?
3. Who are the Portuguese?
4. Where do the Portuguese speaking people of the world live?
5. Tell something of Spanish and Portuguese exploration and colonization.
6. Tell of the spiritual needs of Spanish and Portuguese people in all lands.
7. Discuss conditions in Spain today and tell of our Baptist work there.
8. Tell of our work in the River Plate countries.
9. Discuss the progress of Baptist work in Brazil.
10. What makes work in Mexico specially difficult?
11. Tell of encouraging features of our work in Cuba.
12. Discuss our work among the Spanish speaking people in the southland.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

The Window of Y.W.A.	—State Denominational Paper
Home and Foreign Fields	—World Comrades
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Sharing with Neighbor America	W. C. Taylor
Christ in the Silver Lands	James C. Quarles
Along the Border	Una Roberts Lawrence
Reports of Home and Foreign Mission Boards for 1936	



OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



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

KEEP ABREAST in MARCH

As March days step blithely along we want to keep up a good forward step in missionary education. First there will be the observance of the March Week of Prayer and Annie W. Armstrong Offering. Plans for mailing supplies from the state offices differ in the several states but the program and leaflets should be received by every organization, either direct from state headquarters, through W.M.U. young people's director or through W.M.S. president. If your particular organization has not received its program and leaflets inquire around—perhaps as a new counselor your name is not yet recorded on the state headquarters' files, see about this; perhaps the president or young people's director has been delayed in passing the material on to you, go get it. These supplies are ready for you, don't fail to secure them and have the prayer service. It should not be simply an additional program meeting but a real time of prayer. Let the program information be just enough to make the praying thoughtful and intelligent, not devoting this time primarily to learning more about missions. Help the young people to see the vital importance of the offering so that the incentive to give because of home mission interest will be deepened by evident home mission necessity.

March brings to a close the first quarter's work in 1937. Mark, on your Standard of Excellence wall chart, the observance of this first season of prayer with its offering. The two others will come in due time but you must not skip this one for home missions. Have your monthly program meeting also, of course. Your wall chart should begin to hold stars or variety markings enough to look quite interesting by now. Don't put off enlistment of young people whom you plan to win as members some day. By invitations of all sorts, by prayerful interest, by compelling programs, bring them into missionary education now. Keep up regular attendance by programs and activities so beguiling they just can't be missed. Mission study is always inviting as spring comes on, have you had a mission study class? Personal service plans should be developed along the lines of your community's need, establishing contacts with unevangelized families. Do not be content with a casual bouquet or basket "counted as personal service", do some true witnessing for Christ.

Every counselor and young people's director should be deeply concerned about what our young people are reading. A veritable flood of trashy literature flows from today's printing presses and spreads in alarming fashion to every town and village. Naturally young people should read but their reading should be worthwhile, uplifting. Literature committees should be eager to secure subscriptions for *World Comrades* and *The Window of Y.W.A.*, not because of reaching a specified goal but that the magazines may be in the homes, at hand, invitingly ready to be picked up and read from cover to cover. Programs will be more interesting, missionary interest will rise to higher levels if your young people have individual subscriptions to their magazines.

The interesting new plans for education of our young people concerning stewardship of possessions have been released in a leaflet bearing this title, distributed through state headquarters. This should be in the hands of counselors and directors, and plans should be already in progress to carry out the many fine suggestions made. In missionary education we are not merely-minded from a mercenary standpoint but we do know that tomorrow's adults must learn to be faithful stewards, now, today. The grace of giving is so closely bound up with all other Christian graces that it must not be neglected lest the whole life be dwarfed, so be faithful in stewardship education.

"Time marches on" and the other quarters of 1937 will be flashing by quickly. Do not get behind in the forward march of missionary education.

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COLLEGE Y. W. A.



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WHAT about COLLEGE and HOSPITAL Y.W.A.'s?



In our graded system of missionary education the most strategic positions are held, perhaps, by Ann Hasseltine Y.W.A.'s in colleges and Grace McBride Y.W.A.'s in hospitals. In these days of privileged and specialized training, missions must receive their rightful place in the life of our young women for it will be all but impossible to change habits to give them their merited central purpose place in the future. We look to our colleges for leadership in all other phases of life, we must look for leadership in missionary education also. We look to our hospitals for medical recruits but shall look in vain without providing missionary atmosphere for their call and sustained development. The W.M.S. in a college town, the W.M.S. within reach of a hospital, has an added responsibility in regard to Ann Hasseltine and Grace McBride Y.W.A. activity.

Once enthusiastically launched the young women themselves will carry the work forward as in any Y.W.A. but W.M.U. young people's director and Y.W.A. counselor or W.M.S. hostess, if the counselor is a faculty member, should be ready with wise suggestions. Here in March is the time for observance of the March Week of Prayer for Home Missions. In the regular busy-ness of college and hospital schedules, the Y.W.A.'s may not realize the value, the importance of this prayer service for home missions. A word of reminder, of helpful planning, will open up swift preparation for use of several chapel periods centering on home mission information, or to devoting customary noonday or morning prayer services to praying for home missions. The Y.W.A. membership should give opportunity at such general gatherings for all students to understand the meaning and purpose of the Annie W. Armstrong Offering and to join in the praying and giving. Frequently the chapel period on Friday has been planned for a somewhat spectacular enumeration of home mission needs with an immediate worshipful service of giving to the Annie W. Armstrong Offering.

Mission study classes—using as a text, "Follow Me: the Study of Unoccupied Home Mission Fields" by Una Roberts Lawrence—should precede the prayer program if at all possible. Help the students to find an adequate teacher—attractive, stimulating, effective. As many college students are learning methods of teaching in education courses at college, the mission study classes should be of particularly high grade not to seem unworthy by contrast with technique of other courses. As nurses are studying methods of caring for the body, they should learn also how to rescue and preserve the immortal soul, and missions must become for them the fascinating cause which it truly is. What help can you offer to these special groups in mission study?

Soon annual election of officers will be taking place on these campuses and the alert W.M.U. leaders should be skillfully helpful in seeing that really capable office and committee chairmen are secured for these Y.W.A.'s. Many clubs and other organizations need a splendid corps of officers also and Y.W.A. should not be neglected in this respect. Point system and other regulations guarding students from too much extra curriculum activity must be recognized. Perhaps it will be wise for the W.M.U. leaders to discuss the matter of incoming Y.W.A. presidency with the president or dean of the college, or the superintendent or director of the hospital, that the importance of Y.W.A. may be clearly understood and the interests of missions not unintentionally overlooked.

Moreover the months will seem but a few days before Y.W.A. Camp at Ridgecrest, June 22 to July 2, 1937. How much you will add to the Y.W.A. life in college and hospital by helping the president-elect and as many other officers as at all possible to attend Y.W.A. Camp! Other gatherings call for the enrollment of these same young women but none can do as much in their hearts for missions and missionary education methods, as this one featured by W.M.U., centering in the joyous task of missions. An unusually superior personnel of leaders and speakers is already promised and yet others are trying to arrange to be present so that the program for Y.W.A. Camp of 1937 will be surpassingly valuable. More detailed announcements will be made in forthcoming numbers of *Royal Service* and of *The Window of Y.W.A.*, but it is not too soon to begin looking forward to attendance of Y.W.A.'s for whom you have any interest, at the 1937 Camp.

So quicken your concern about these particularly important Y.W.A. organizations. Also aid them in every good way.

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TRAINING SCHOOL

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On the TRAIL of TRAINING SCHOOL ALUMNAE



It is most encouraging to find in a hurried check up of Training School alumnae that in recent months many have found their way into some worthy field of service. The following members of the most recent graduating class have entered the doors that have opened for them: Susan Adams of Missouri became W.M.U. young people's secretary in Florida; Elizabeth Green of Alabama is teaching in a rural section of her state where she has many opportunities for Christian service; Dora Jackson of South Carolina is taking training in the Baptist Hospital in Memphis; Willie Bell Stricklin is in a business position in her home city, Memphis; Mary Virginia Bennett of Mississippi is teaching at Magoffin Institute, a mountain mission school in Kentucky; Lois Blankenship of Missouri is director of young people's work in the First Baptist Church of Springfield, Mo.; Frances Bryan of Oklahoma is doing adult education work in Louisville; Elizabeth Crocker of South Carolina is teaching in a rural community near her home; Edna Eaves of Alabama has been engaged temporarily in rural field work in her own state; Gloria Ruiz of Texas is teaching in the Mexican Baptist Institute at El Paso, Texas; Laurine Thomas of Arkansas is teaching at Ouachita College; Wilma Weeks of Missouri was appointed in October to mission work in China.

At the same October meeting of the Foreign Mission Board, two members of the 1930 class were also appointed to mission work in China. They are Misses Elizabeth Gray of South Carolina and Jessie Green of Georgia.

The following young women have in recent months taken up new work in local church positions: Miss Jane Pinnix ('35) of Mississippi, church secretary, Ginter Park Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.; Miss Mildred Thomas ('35) of North Carolina, pastor's assistant and choir director, West Durham Baptist Church, Durham, N. C.; Miss Lucy Williams ('34) of Virginia, church secretary, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Newport News, Va.; Miss Dorothy Sparks ('33) and Mrs. Genevieve Barry Patton ('29) educational director and office secretary, respectively, Central Baptist Church, Miami, Fla.

Miss Christine Anderson of Alabama began work several months ago as office secretary in Ala. W.M.U. office. Miss Wanda Lynch ('33) of Illinois has been appointed by the Illinois W.M.U. to establish and supervise Good Will Center work among foreigners in southern Illinois.

Miss Elizabeth Cowan ('28) of North Carolina began work as Y.W.C.A. secretary at the University of Kentucky in September. She has been in Connecticut for several years. We welcome her back to the southland.

Miss Zella Bryant ('24) of Kentucky is supervisor of Red Cross nursing in Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana. Miss Mary Alice Thompson ('37) of Missouri is doing adult education work in Louisville.

Miss Edna Earl Hutcherson ('35) of Tennessee is teaching in high school at Philadelphia, Miss., and along with that work finding many opportunities for service in the church. Miss Gwynn McLendon ('32) of Kentucky is teaching in Thomasville, Georgia.

The following marriages have been reported within the last year: Miss Beulah Threlkeld ('34) to Rev. J. S. Bell, pastor at Whiteville, Tenn.; Miss Flontina Walker ('34) to Mr. William Poole, Lumberton, N. C.; Miss Helen Harris ('34) to Mr. Howard R. Moon of Akron, Ohio; Miss Martha Cartner ('34) to Rev. W. C. Pixley, pastor in Millington, Mich.; Miss Annie Chapman ('32) to Rev. L. W. Gammon, pastor at Boones Mill, Va.; Miss Ethel Price ('26) to Mr. Welch of Dawson Springs, Kentucky.—Carrie U. Littlejohn

MARGARET FUND

Chairman: Mrs. Frank Burney, Waynesboro, Ga.

"That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth"—Psa. 144:12



These following expressions of appreciation from two of our graduates last June make our hearts to rejoice in the privilege of nurturing such plants:

"College has been a great privilege and a wonderful experience for me. So many people have helped me, so many things have eased the way, and so many real expressions of affection and interest have come my way that, even though I try to fully appreciate it all, I know that I can't. I have seen too many fellows struggle to get through school to fail to be thankful every day of my life for the loving kindness of the Woman's Missionary Union and the Margaret Fund scholarship. No Margaret Fund student can ever lose his faith in the noblest and the finest things which life offers. To me the Margaret Fund and the ideals and sacrifices for which it stands represent the most unselfish and the truest expression of the ideals of Jesus that I can think of. More than a scholarship, the Margaret Fund is an inspiration and a challenge to me which I can only understand when I see it in the light of the spiritual power, the devotion and the loyalty to a Cause which lie behind its beginnings and which motivate all those who give so much of their time and effort to its work. How could any of us ever deserve it or earn it—this gift of love which fills our school years with the mother's touch and brings with it so many things which can't be measured in money? In my own case I am so thankful because the Margaret Fund is not restricted just to those who have felt the call to the ministry. As a layman I want to have a part in the work of the Kingdom and I

am deeply grateful because the Margaret Fund has enabled me to get the preparation which I wanted. I am thankful because I have been privileged to know and feel the fine influence of the Margaret Fund during my college years. It will be an inspiration to me throughout my life".—Maurice Sowell, Argentina

James Williams of China writes: "One of the many hardships that fall to the lot of a foreign missionary is that of parting with his children when they finish high school and must journey to the United States for their college training. Under just these circumstances I bade farewell to my parents in Shanghai, China, as I set out to continue my education in my father's home state at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

"Reaching a new environment, in a strange land, among people that were fellow countrymen of mine yet greatly different from the Americans I had known in China, the experiences of my freshman year were both heart breaking and strengthening. The kind women of the Woman's Missionary Union, whose Margaret Fund had made my college education possible, came to my aid. These Margaret Fund mothers, through their cordial letters and frequent remembrances, made me realize that I was not in an entirely friendless and alien land. The high ideals of this consecrated group of women inspired me to get the utmost out of the studies their generosity had made available to me.

"The four years of college are over now; and, as I look back on them now, I see a record of striving to justify the faith two guardian spirits had in me: my parents, who lovingly reared me in the true spirit of Christ; and the W.M.U., that had faith in my potentialities. Thanks to the Margaret Fund, I have been able to ground myself thoroughly in the fundamentals of applying science to liberation of humanity. For the future I see possibilities of soul satisfying work in my chosen profession of engineering in the land of my childhood memories.



FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



A WINNING WAY



If you never have had the joy, the work, the reward, the intense suffering, that come with the beginning of a new church in a Christless land—well you've missed much!

Last April, the Zion Baptist Church of Bahia was organized with twenty-five members (*we now have fifty*). We rented a residence in a nice residential district of the city, that section never having had the Gospel. Can you imagine the curiosity of the neighbors for blocks around? God bless curiosity! It's a great missionary asset. We have four departments in our Sunday school. Our neighbors ask, "What is a Sunday school?" And we reply, "Come and see". They ask, "What are those songs you sing?" We reply, "Come and hear". They ask, "What is that book you call the Bible?" We reply, "Come and see and read for yourself". At first they stayed out on the street; then came into the hall; now after six months, some are sitting gingerly on the edge of benches near the door.

*The Y.W.A. is made up of students and three teachers. Most of the students are in State Teachers' College. These girls are heroic in their efforts to give the Gospel in that institution. They carefully distributed four hundred Gospels and several Bibles this year. It took real courage to do this, also real tact, for their teachers persecuted them. These girls are missionary in their efforts outside the city, too. The Y.W.A.'s of Brazil support a young woman missionary to the Indians. Our Y.W.A. paid one month's salary of this missionary. Seven young women, members of this church, will be doing field work during the vacation.

Brazilian Baptists have foreign mission day on the first Sunday of September. Weeks before this, our Sunday school children saved for this offering just as enthusiastically as

the older folks. They swept yards, sidewalks, did errands—everything to earn money for their offering. It was an enthusiastic occasion. Last May, our tiniest tot had a birthday. He brought a lovely inlaid wooden box to Sunday school and, standing up, he said: "I have a birthday today, and I want to thank God. I brought this box for a Sunday school birthday box. It is for missions." Quite a long speech for such a tiny fellow! This box was opened for foreign missions and it was bulging.

Sunday school teacher, have you ever had this experience? Yesterday morning I was teaching my Sunday school class. This class is composed of young women and young men. There were eleven new pupils yesterday—all young men, most of them medical students. We were studying the regular lesson. One young man was restless. Suddenly he called out: "Pardon, lady teacher, but will you please explain very clearly to me the verse that that child recited in the auditorium a few minutes ago?" The verse was Acts 16:31 "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." What would you have done? I did just what that boy asked me to and we never did get back to the lesson. There were eleven young men in that class who didn't know, had never heard that! They borrowed our Bibles and went away to study the news that Jesus saves!

We had a picnic last week. Went across the bay—a two hours trip in a launch—to a town where we have no Gospel preaching. We took tracts and distributed them and did personal work. We intended having preaching but, at the hour marked, a launch full of drunken people arrived and started disorders and we were forced to come home without preaching. When we started back, the tide had come in and we had to be carried, one by one to the launch. You can imagine the fun we had. Great big black men would pick up a person, stalk through the waves, deposit that person in the launch and go back for another.

In six months we have doubled our membership, and many more are interested. We have to be very careful about receiving folks here. Now Sunday school teachers, some of you are saying: "Why doesn't she divide that class and have one class for young women and one for young men?" For this very simple reason—there is no one to teach another class. You come on and help us and I will divide with you anyway you want.—Mrs. G. White, Bahia, Brazil



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.

Follow Me: Una Roberts Lawrence; Home Mission Board, S.B.C.; Atlanta; 1937; pages 96; price 25c



Any book by Una Roberts Lawrence is sure to be colorful, vigorous and interesting, and this one is no exception. Written especially for study in preparation for the March Week of Prayer for Home Missions, it deals with the "unoccupied fields" here at home, whether those fields are geographical as in the Ozarks and Appalachians, racial as in the work for Negroes, or delimited by language or other barriers as in the case of the French and Spanish speaking groups. Its purpose, as the author puts it, is to make it clear that three tasks lie heavy upon southern Baptists if they are to advance: (1) such regular support of missions as will insure steadily increasing competence in maintaining the work; (2) the rapid

and complete payment of debts; (3) the steady, unwavering, assured support of the mission force at work. "It is also an attempt", she adds, "to look into some of the fundamental reasons for our responsibility". This last sets the theme of the book, "Follow Jesus".

His followers "were not promised that they would make a new world. They were told to make new men. . . . They were to change men, and these changed men would change the social order of their day".

The content of the five chapters of the book is about equally divided between definite teaching material and concrete, vivid illustration from reports of the missionaries themselves. Thus it is equally valuable as a study book and a book to read. We commend it heartily to all our Women's Missionary Societies and Y.W.A.'s. (See also page 9 of this magazine.)

CIRCLE PLANS (Concluded from Page 9)

find the husks of ritualism do not appease their hunger for the Bread of Life, are the subject of chapter four. The author in illustrations from her experiences and those of missionaries among Catholic groups shows the need for the living Saviour to be presented.

Chapter V—"Feed My Sheep"—The mission work in Cuba and Panama—and the lack of mission work, too—claim the first part of this chapter, then the Negro in the southland is introduced. We quote the author: "Here lies the greatest and most challenging unoccupied field of missions in the south today. Have we the courage to enter?"

In this study there will be time only to glance at all the unclaimed areas—they are so vast. But may this study put the lost southland and world more heavily on the hearts of all and stir us to follow Him on and on. (See also the review at top of this page 33.)

BIBLE STUDY (Concluded from Page 15)

the disciples in Jerusalem so vigorously that thousands fled into Judea and Samaria. It was like scattering fire—in every town the Good News blazed. Such is the joy of the Holy Spirit.

Make an earnest effort to secure a gift from every resident woman member of your church for the Annie W. Armstrong Offering for Home Missions. Also urge each of the W.M.U. young people's organizations to give the largest possible offering.

FOUR GREAT OCCASIONS

- 1—Annual Meetings of Woman's Missionary Union and of Southern Baptist Convention. Each will meet during the week of May 10. The place is New Orleans, La. The hotel selected for W.M.U. headquarters is the Jung Hotel.
- 2—Southwide Y.W.A. Camp at Ridgecrest, N. C., June 22-July 2. (See page 29.)
- 3—State and Home Mission Conference at Ridgecrest, N. C., August 1-6. Watch this magazine and other denominational periodicals for further detailed information as to it and the plans for August 8-13.
- 4—Foreign Mission Board Conference at Ridgecrest, N. C., August 8-13. Try to have your society represented at this conference as well as at the one preceding it.

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CURRENT MISSIONARY EVENTS

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

When the Foreign Mission Board made its report to the Southern Baptist Convention last May we had in the Spanish and Portuguese speaking countries, where the Board has work, 143 missionaries working in five countries, namely: Brazil (92); Argentina (24); Chile (12); Mexico (11) of whom 5 live in El Paso, Texas; Spain (2) with Dr. and Mrs. Gill making occasional visits there.

An article written by Prof. John C. Granbery of Southwestern University, on *The Evangelisation of Brazil*, gives the following interesting information. Missionary work was begun by protestants in Brazil a hundred years ago. The Methodists began work there in 1836 but after five years suspended all operations till 1876 when the work was resumed. In 1856 a Congregational Church was organized by a Scottish physician. The Presbyterians organized their first church in 1862, the Baptists in 1881 and the Episcopalians in 1890. According to Dr. Granbery the Presbyterians are the most numerous. Then come the Baptists. The Salvation Army entered Brazil in 1922, while there are several small denominations represented in the work there. Altogether there are more than 400,000 evangelical Christians in the country.

A correspondent from Chile tells in *The Missionary Review of the World* that communism has entered Chile as a "new gospel" and promises a time when all economic, social and educational ills will disappear. "But", says the correspondent, "the evangelical preachers believing that the Gospel of Jesus Christ contains the solution of all Chile's problems are diligently preaching that Gospel to the great masses who have wandered as sheep without a shepherd".

A tendency toward a closer relationship between the Argentine government and the Roman Catholic church, which has been in evidence for several years, continues to strengthen. This has become more evident in recent months as a drift toward a fascist regime in government in certain quarters has more clearly emerged. A project has been formulated in the department of education in the province of Buenos Aires, the largest and most important province in Argentina, which would give to the Catholic church the right to teach religion in the schools as well as to make the school program and select the textbooks.—*Christian Century*

All this will make the work of our missionaries in Argentina and Chile more difficult

and the lives of our Baptist people harder. Certainly they need our prayers as well as our money.

Hopeful signs in Mexico—the secretary to the president of Mexico in an open letter to Mexican Catholics insists that the Catholic clergy are inconsistent in demanding liberties that they cannot according to their dogmas grant to others. He says: "The government guarantees to everybody the free exercise of his religious beliefs". Christian work is now permitted among the 5000 prisoners of the penitentiary in Mexico. One visitor has a list of 120 who have accepted Gospel portions and asked for prayer that they may find Christ.—*S. S. Times*

Spain has only 22,000 evangelical Christians and up till recently there were nearly 7500 in evangelical schools. Most of the foreign workers have now been expelled from the country. Meanwhile meetings continue in private houses. None of these Christians or the representatives of the boards interested in their work have attempted to take sides in the present tragic conflict.—*Missionary Review of the World*

In Cuba, another Spanish speaking country where southern Baptists work but under the Home Mission Board, we have 46 churches with 3,728 members. In 1935 these Cuban Baptists contributed to the cause of their Lord \$11,055.

New Mexico has a population of 500,000, of whom 65 per cent speak Spanish, according to J. G. Sanchez who is a Home Board missionary to Spanish Americans in that state. There are in New Mexico 10 Spanish Baptist churches and 5 missions, with a membership of 500.

In a recent survey Paul C. Bell, a Home Board missionary to the Mexicans in Texas, covered a section in which there is a Mexican population of 12,000. He reports that he went into 50 homes where he left portions of the Scriptures. Of the fifty families visited only two had ever heard the Gospel.

The new president, Dr. Jose Nigro, is the first president of the Rio College in Brazil who was not a missionary. Dr. Nigro was converted under the preaching of Dr. F. F. Soren, who was led to the evangelical faith by Dr. W. B. Bagby, our own pioneer missionary to Brazil. Dr. Nigro has been exceedingly active in all phases of Christian work, even as was Dr. Soren.

REALLY ROYAL is the record sustained by Illinois in the annual campaigns for renewals and new subscriptions for this magazine, Illinois having surpassed its goal for each of the past three years. Fine also is the record of the three other states on this year's banner, because each of them two years ago surpassed their goals: returning to the banner this year is proof that they coveted their former glory. The southwide total of 76,554 lacks just 8 of being a victory of 1000 over the previous year's total, which is a marked achievement. For it and for every other helpfulness comprised in the record so generously made by each state the deepest appreciation is herewith expressed. Unqualified honor was won by Illinois, Louisiana, New Mexico, Texas.

SUCH SERVICE is anticipated from them and from each of the other fifteen states this calendar year. The fact that such reports will be rendered at the Union's Golden Jubilee celebration is added reason for exceptional effort on the part of each state all during this preparatory year. Such a record of all-south victory was achieved in 1934 without the gleam of the Golden Jubilee. Because what has been done can again be done and because this magazine is a monthly storehouse of missionary facts and fervor, please begin at once and steadily continue to urge individual members and circles and societies to

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Ill.	1152*	1210
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Md.	494	525
Miss.	4242	4450
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N.C.	8382	8800
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