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EDITORIAL

RECORDS, THEIR REWARD and STIMULUS

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



Your state annual meetings and those of the general Union would lose much of their zest without the record of service, revealed in the numerous reports presented. Often our individual service seems quite insignificant, that of our own society small indeed. We are however greatly encouraged by the impressive record which the united service of individuals, organizations, districts and states makes possible. This record becomes an incentive to better service; the sense of fellowship in a common cause inspires us to renewed effort.

Comparison of the latest records with those that have gone before is necessary that we may determine growth, that we may see clearly what weakness there is in our plans and

program. The making and keeping of records would be of little value unless they serve to stimulate us to a united effort to conserve the growths achieved, to inspire us to labor more faithfully to make our organizations serve the cause of missions which is the reason for our existence. Study of your own state records will bring reward, rejoicing in the things in which your own society, your association or your district excelled. Such study will doubtless reveal weaknesses, indicating where and how you can build more securely. Comparisons of your state records with those of other states will quicken your purpose to do your part in improving your records.

Each year it is a source of deep regret and genuine sorrow that so many organizations are allowed to die. But for this one fact our gains would be greatly multiplied, not only in members and organizations but in all the service that is lost to us and to the Kingdom because they are not active flourishing organizations. We believe a great many of these losses could be avoided if we would be more constantly mindful of our fostering responsibilities.

This is the year of preparation for the Golden Jubilee of W.M.U. Your delegates from the annual meeting in New Orleans will be carrying in their hearts the glow of these plans; they will be speaking of them joyously. The year 1938 must be made a real year of jubilee. Every member will want to cooperate. We must "catch step" this preparation year. Let us resolve now to save what might otherwise be these losses and thus multiply our forces and our strength for attaining the glorious goals of the year of jubilee. Half of this preparatory year is still ours. Our opportunities are at our very doors. Happy childhood, eager youth, wise young womanhood wait consecrated leadership. Will you walk with them into the larger life of missionary vision and service? A willing but timid group of women and young people in a neighboring church would welcome your help and fostering care until they develop strength of their own. Help redeem the loss your records reveal and thereby assure yourself and your state the reward and stimulus which come with the making of really worthy records. This will be a fitting preparation for the year of jubilee.

CHURCHES HAVING A-1 FULL GRADED W.M.U.

(Names of presidents and pastors are for calendar year 1936. The small figures preceding any name indicates the number of years the church has maintained its A-1 record. A star (*) to right of a name shows that church was also "outstanding" as to stewardship this past year. See pages 10-15.)

REMARKABLY fine is the following record as to S.B.C. churches in each of which during the past calendar year there was maintained an A-1 Full Graded W.M.U. The total of such churches, 261, is practically one-tenth of the S.B.C. churches which maintained the Full Graded W.M.U., 2649. The 261 A-1 churches are remarkable also because 5 of them have maintained such a record for a dozen consecutive years and because 4 have been thus for eleven. It is fine also that 2 of the 261 churches have been A-1 for 10 consecutive years; 4 for 9 years; 9 for 8 years; 5 for 7 years; 8 for 6 years; 14 for 5 years; 24 for 4 years; 36 for 3 years; 53 for 2 years; while 97 joined the illustrious churches in 1936. Deepest gratitude and highest praise are herewith expressed to each of these 261 churches—to pastors, W.M.S. members and the young people in their W.M.U. organizations. Please study pages 25-33 of 1937 W.M.U. Year Book and do your utmost to have your church A-1 this year.

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Pastor

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- 9 Ailey
- 2 Atlanta, Capitol View
- 2 Bowman*
- 5 Buford
- 1 Corinth
- 12 Double Heads*
- 2 Dry Branch*
- 12 Greensboro
- 4 Guyton, New Providence*
- 3 Guyton, Pine Street
- 1 Lawrenceville
- 5 Lindale
- 4 Little Ogeecbee
- 8 Milan
- 11 Milen
- 2 Milen, Oak Hill
- 1 Mountain Hill
- 1 New Antioch*
- 1 North Newington
- 2 Pearson
- 2 Porterdale
- 3 Rome, Maple Street
- 2 Rome, North Broad
- 2 Savannah, Ardsley Park
- 1 Shady Grove*
- 1 Soperton
- 1 Summerville
- 12 Sylvania
- 4 Thomaston
- 8 Turkey Branch
- 3 Vidalia, First
- 3 Wades

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- 1 McLeansboro
- 1 Salem
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Rev. John Farrell

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- 5 Cumberland
- 2 Florence
- 1 Franklin, First
- 1 Great Crossings
- 1 Lebanon Junction, First
- 4 Liberty (Tates Creek Ascn.)
- 1 Louisville, Hazelwood
- 1 Louisville, West Broadway
- 2 Whitesville*

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- 2 Durham, Grace
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- 7 Idabel, First
- 11 Lawton, First
- 1 Nicoma Park
- 1 Spiro, First
- 1 Talihina, First

- 2 Bethel (Santee Assn.)
- 1 Black Creek
- 1 Blackburg
- 1 Charleston, Citadel Square
- 6 Cheraw, First*
- 1 Chesnee, First
- 11 Columbia, Park Street
- 1 Conway
- 2 Darlington, First
- 1 Eureka
- 1 Flint Hill*
- 6 Gaffney, First
- 6 Goucher (Broad River Assn.)
- 8 Grassy Pond
- (Broad River Assn.)
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- 4 Greenville, Pendleton Street
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- 5 Honea Path, First
- 5 Lamar
- 1 Laurens, First
- 11 Mt. Elio
- 5 Olanta
- 4 Pacolet Mills
- 8 Rock Hill, First
- 3 Sardis (Florence Assn.)
- 1 Simpsonville, First
- 1 Spartanburg, Calvary
- 8 Springdale
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- (Broad River Assn.)
- 1 Timmonsville
- 1 Waltherboro, First
- 3 Westminster
- 3 Westminster, First
- 4 Whitmire
- 1 Zion (Colleton Assn.)

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- 1 Athens
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- 3 Knoxville, Oakwood
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- 1 Memphis, First
- 5 Memphis, Highland Heights
- 3 Memphis, Prescott
- 1 Memphis, Speedway
- 11 Mercer
- 3 Morristown, First*
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- 6 Marionville
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List of S.B.C. Churches in Which during Calendar Year of 1936 Every Resident Woman Member Contributed to Missions (Cooperative Program Designated and Undesignated or Offerings of W.M.U. Names of presidents and pastors are for calendar year of 1936. The small figure preceding any name indicates the number of years the church has been "outstanding". A star (*) to right of any name shows that church also maintained last year an A-1 Full Graded W.M.U. See pages 5-9.)

GREAT gain was made during the past calendar year in the number of S.B.C. churches, each one of which succeeded during the year in getting a gift to missions from every resident woman member of the church. The gain was from 231 in 1935 to 306 such churches in 1936. Another wonderful fact is that 71 of these churches have been thus "outstanding" for stewardship for more than one year: of the 71, there are 15 that have been thus for three consecutive years, while 10 have sustained their stewardship interest for four years. To the pastor and W.M.S. leaders of these 306 churches Woman's Missionary Union extends hearty thanks and congratulations. A careful study of pages 51-57 of 1937 W.M.U. Year Book will make it all the surer for your church to be "outstanding" this year.

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1 Opa Locka, First
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1 Perry, First
1 Plant City, First*
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2 Horeb (Santee Assn.)
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4 Ridgeway*	Mrs. Laelie Turner	Rev. A. B. Allen
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2 Rock Hill	Mrs. J. M. Rose	Rev. L. B. Boutyard
2 Ruckersville*	Mrs. Anna Watson	Rev. W. T. Hall
1 Samaria	Mrs. J. C. Adkins	Rev. C. D. Dansey
4 Sharon	Mrs. H. C. Patteson	Rev. R. L. Jones
1 Shiloh	Mrs. R. W. Clore	Rev. C. A. Hall
3 Slovak	Mrs. John Mierka	Rev. S. B. Kovacs
1 South Roanoke	Mrs. H. G. Crosler	Rev. W. C. Taylor
1 Spring Hill	Mrs. F. L. Joslyn	Rev. Gary B. Baldwin
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1 Thaxton*	Mrs. R. E. McGhee	Rev. C. M. Robertson
4 Tena Commoche	Mrs. E. P. Bradby	Rev. L. H. Suddith
1 Union Level	Mrs. Jack Gordon	Rev. R. W. Grant
2 Victoria*	Mrs. H. D. Lucy	Rev. S. G. Harwood
1 Waterford	Mrs. Walter M. Everhart	Rev. H. B. Jennings
1 Westville	Mrs. Clyde Fox	Rev. Millard Thrift
4 Windsor	Mrs. W. Fletcher Beal	Rev. J. S. Cobb
1 Winn's Creek	Miss Sarah Neathery	Rev. C. L. Eubank
2 Zinn Hill	Mrs. E. Q. Austin	Rev. J. A. T. Marsteller

STATISTICS THAT STIR

AMONG the many heartening returns from the 1936 records of Woman's Missionary Union may be mentioned the following. May each stir to far finer endeavor this year in anticipation of the Union's Golden Jubilee.

Organizations: 34,228

New: 3,226

Full Graded W.M.U.s: 2,449

A-1 W.M.U.s: 241

"Outstanding" Churches: 306

—Members: 595,851

W.M.S.: 297,504

—A-1 Organizations: 5,336

A-1 W.M.S.: 1,301

—Tithers: 161,000

SUMMER ASSEMBLIES

FLORIDA ASSEMBLIES



Paul's admonition to young Timothy — "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth" (II Tim. 2:15) is an especially fine admonition to the Baptists of Florida as they meet each year at Stetson University, DeLand, Florida, for their annual summer assembly. The 1937 assembly will be held June 8-16.

The Morning Watch Services at the beginning of the day are an inspiration that prepares the group for the studies that follow. Mr. Harold Ingram of the Sunday School Board, who is very popular as an assembly speaker, will lead these services this year.

After breakfast come the three study periods—Sunday School, W.M.U. and B.T.U. All classes are well attended and taught by a most competent faculty. There are from ten to twenty classes in each period. The W.M.U. representative will be Miss Mildred Cox of Recife, Brazil.

ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG OFFERING for HOME MISSIONS

By April 27 the state W.M.U. corresponding secretaries had reported receipts to the amount of \$118,960, of which fully \$108,550 is for causes included in the \$107,000 goal for the Annie W. Armstrong Offering of the 1937 March Week of Prayer for Home Missions. Immeasurably grateful, Woman's Missionary Union awaits fuller reports, which will be announced in a subsequent issue of this magazine. Please continue to pray—and to glean—in order that every possible gift may be ingathered for the causes dependent on the Home Mission Board.

Mr. John Hoffman has charge of the music for the assembly and leads in the hour of song that follows the study periods each morning. The surprise period, which comes just before the noon hour, affords inspiration, fun and relaxation.

The afternoon is for rest and recreation. The inspirational address at night is given by an outstanding Bible speaker. We are very fortunate in having this year Dr. Ellis Fuller of Atlanta. Dr. W. W. William will conduct the Consecration Service which is on the closing night of the assembly. In this service many of the young people dedicate their lives for Christian service.

The West Florida Assembly will be held June 21-29 at Bob Jones College, Lynn Haven, Florida. The faculty and speakers have not been announced but they always have capable leaders and splendid attendance. The same schedule for services and classes is followed here as at DeLand. The W.M.U. representative will be Miss Cornelia Brower of Chile.—Mrs. Robert Walden, Fla. W. M. U. President

BIBLE STUDY

Bella 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: Go with Them, Peter!—Acts 11:1-18

Reference for Study, Chapter 10 Also

DRAMATIZE the scene on the housetop. Peter sees in a trance the great sheet (drawn in chalk on a window-shade) suddenly lowered. A Voice: "Rise, Peter, slay and eat!" Peter replies, "Not so, Lord" etc. Repeat this three times. As Peter sees the sheet snatched up again, knocking, a calling, "Is Simon Peter here?" The Spirit's Voice to Peter: "Behold . . . go with them . . . for I have sent them"—v. 20.

This might be called, "The education of an apostle". It seems Peter could only learn by dramatic scenes. We find him brought up before the church—for what offense? For going into a gentile house and eating with gentiles! But had not Philip gone to Samaritans? Yes, but they were half-Jews and circumcised. And to the Ethiopian? But he was a proselyte. That's very different. Slowly, slowly the stubborn Jewish heart opened toward the gentiles. Step by step Peter had been led: the vision, the voice, the command—"Go with them, for I have sent them"—the conversation on the long journey, giving time for adjustment, the waiting audience, the actual crossing of a gentile threshold, the Gospel in a new environment, the joyous response, the Holy Spirit coming with unmistakable signs before baptism. Peter was convinced. He had begun his sermon with more abruptness than courtesy: "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons". He ended by believing it himself. "Who was I, that I could withstand God?" he inquires, defending himself to the church. One wonders if he would have had courage to have these gentiles baptized, had not the Holy Spirit fallen so unexpectedly upon all who heard. He was glad he had had the prudence to take along the six Jewish brethren from Joppa, who could bear witness to all he had seen and done.

The critics are put to silence. The rest are astonished, and presently they begin to praise God for this well-nigh incredible revelation: "Then gentiles also can be saved!" It is hard for us to imagine what a revolutionary thought this was. Entire separation from gentiles was the prime fundamental of the Jewish creed. This bold step of Peter's to which the church gave assent was as epoch-making as our Declaration of Independence. It cut them off from the past.

Look a moment at Cornelius, the Italian centurion, a "God-fearer", a "proselyte of the gate", i. e., not circumcised. He knew the law and the prophets, he attended the synagogue, he was seeking something better than the gods of Rome. More than that, he prayed and gave alms sincerely. Led thus far, he was ready to receive the Gospel. He had heard of John the Baptist and of "Jesus, who went about doing good". It remained to receive "the good tidings of peace" through Him, the witness of His death and resurrection, the certainty of His return to be our Judge, the forgiveness of sins to "every one that believeth on Him". Happy Cornelius!



FAMILY ALTAR



Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

TOPIC: The ITALIAN

NOR shall Thy spreading Gospel rest,
Till through the world Thy truth has run;
Till Christ has all the nations blest
That see the light or feel the sun.

GREAT sun of righteousness, arise;
Bless the dark world with Heavenly light;
Thy Gospel makes the simple wise,
Thy laws are pure, Thy judgments right.

—Isaac Watts

Behold

1st Day—Mal. 3:1, 16-18
2nd Day—Isa. 12:2-4
3rd Day—Isa. 42:1-6
4th Day—John 1:29, 36, 47
5th Day—Rev. 22:7
6th Day—I John 3:1
7th Day—Rev. 3:20-22

Believe

8th Day—Mark 1:15, 6:36
9th Day—Mark 9:23, 24
10th Day—Mark 11:24
11th Day—Luke 8:11-15
12th Day—John 14:1, 10-20, 29
13th Day—John 17:20; 20:31
14th Day—Rom. 3:21-26

Baptize

15th Day—Matt. 3:1-12; 28:19, 20
16th Day—Mark 1:4, 5
17th Day—John 1:33; 8:23
18th Day—Acts 1:5; 2:37-41; 11:18
19th Day—Acts 16:14, 15, 26-34
20th Day—Rom. 6:14-11
21st Day—Eph. 4:5

Build

22nd Day—Psa. 118:22; 127:1
23rd Day—Matt. 7:24-27; 16:15-18
24th Day—II Sam. 7:12-16
25th Day—Acts 20:32
26th Day—I Cor. 3:9-17
27th Day—Eph. 2:20-22
28th Day—Heb. 3:1-8, 14
29th Day—Heb. 2:1-10
30th Day—II Tim. 3:16, 17

"Pray Ye"

Praising God for seen and unseen blessings
Thanking Him for Jesus Christ and for His abiding Comforter

Asking guidance in big and small tasks
Craving forgiveness for sins of head and heart and hand
Pledging more steadfast allegiance to His Kingdom near and far

Asking for hearts tender toward the poor, the aged, the unenlightened, the young
Interceding for lost sinners in the congregation, the community, the world

Praying for largest possible good to result from May meetings in New Orleans of Southern Baptist Convention and Woman's Missionary Union

Asking guidance for all worthwhile W.M.U. activities, such as: mission study classes, personal service, enlistment, stewardship of tithes and offerings, missionary education of young people

Interceding especially for summer camps and assemblies for Baptist adults and young people, praying particularly for Southwide Y.W.A. Camp at Ridgecrest, N. C. June 22-July 2 (Pages 1, 33, 34, 36)

Calendar of Prayer

June, 1937

Prepared by Mrs. Maud R. McLure, Georgia

"It is in loving, not in being loved,
The heart is blessed:
It is giving, not in seeking gifts,
We find our quest".

Topic: The Italian

1—TUESDAY

Pray for Dr. Ethel M. Pierce—on furlough—medical work, and Miss E. E. Teal, nurse, Yangchow, China.
He restoreth my soul.—Psa. 135:3

2—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Nelson (Ida Lundberg)—on furlough—evangelistic work, Manaus, Brazil.
My loving kindness shall not depart from thee.—Isa. 54:10

3—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. H. B. McMillan (Leila Mearns), evangelistic work, Soochow, China, and Mary Fay and Archibald McMillan, Margaret Fund students.
His commandments are not grievous.—I John 5:3

4—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Newbrough (Elaine S.), Baptist Rescue Mission, New Orleans, La.
He will never suffer the righteous to be moved.—Psa. 55:22

5—SATURDAY

For Mrs. T. C. Britton (Nanette Scarsdale), and Dr. and Mrs. J. McP. Gaston (Annie Gay), coevangelists from China.
In the shadow of Thy wings will I take refuge.—Psa. 57:1

6—SUNDAY

For God's blessings on all state assemblies and camps in June.
Learn of Me.—Matt. 11:29

7—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. S. M. Sowell (Ermine Bagby)—on furlough—educational work, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
Christ redeemed us.—Gal. 3:13

8—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. L. M. Bratcher (Archie Porter), evangelistic work, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and Lewis M. Bratcher, Jr., Margaret Fund student.
Wait for Jehovah and keep His way.—Psa. 37:34

9—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Olive (Ned Fowler), evangelistic work, Chinkiang, China.

I will deliver him and honor him.—Psa. 91:15

10—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Baker (Mary Hammond), educational work, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and Elaine and Margie Nora Baker, Margaret Fund students.

He will bless them that fear Jehovah, both small and great.—Psa. 115:13

11—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Saunders (Mabel Day)—on furlough—Shanghai, China, and Mary L. Saunders, who as a Margaret Fund student graduated in May.

Thou art my trust from my youth.—Psa. 71:5

12—SATURDAY

For Miss Cecile Lancaster and Miss Helen Dauder, Girls' School, Kokura, Japan.

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord.—II Pet. 3:18

13—SUNDAY

Pray that southern Baptist work in Italy may grow and prosper in spite of opposition.

He that endureth to the end the same shall be saved.—Matt. 10:22

14—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Flainfield (Alice J. Lucas), missionaries to Italians, West Tampa, Florida.

Light shall shine upon thy ways.—Job 22:28

15—TUESDAY

For Mrs. Eugene Salles (Annie Jamieson), educational work, Kailiang, China.

I have made the Lord Jehovah my refuge.—Psa. 73:24

Calendar of Prayer June, 1937

"Whatever be thy longing or thy need,
That do thou give.
So shalt thy soul be fed, and thou indeed
Shalt truly live".—Selected

Topic: The Italian

16—WEDNESDAY

Pray for Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Donath
(Christiana, Bracale), evangelistic work,
Shaki, Nigeria.
Be strong in the Lord.—Eph. 6:10

17—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Brittain (Mary
Brown), evangelistic work, Soochow, China
To do righteousness and justice is more
acceptable to Jehovah than sacrifice.
—Prov. 21:3

18—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Hayes (Eden
Ford) and Miss Mildred Cox—on far-
lough—evangelistic work, Recife, Brazil,
and Arnold E. Hayes, Jr., Margaret Ford
student
Commit thy way unto Jehovah.—Psa. 37:5

19—SATURDAY

For Misses Grace Clifford, Nardin, Okla.,
and Mary Gladys Sharp, Route 2, Arkansas
City, Kansas, workers among Indians
I waited patiently for Jehovah.—Psa. 40:1

20—SUNDAY

For all native Italian Baptists
I am with thee, saith Jehovah, to save
thee.—Jer. 30:11

21—MONDAY

For Dr. Mary L. King, medical work, and
Miss Harriet King, evangelistic work,
Pochow, China
Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters.
—Isa. 32:20

22—TUESDAY

For the blessing of God's Spirit on all
who gather at Southwest Y.W.A. Camp,
Ridgcrest, N. C., June 22-July 2
Lift up your eyes and look on the fields
—John 4:35

23—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. Q. Maer (Bertha
Tennis), educational work, Temuco, Chile
God is able to make all grace abound unto
you.—II Cor. 9:8

24—THURSDAY

For Mrs. L. W. Pierce and Miss E. E.
Rea, emerita missionaries from China
With good courage we say, "The Lord is
my helper!"—Hab. 1:3

25—FRIDAY

For Rev. W. F. Hatchell, on border in-
terpreting work in Mexico
For we are His workmanship.—Eph. 1:10

26—SATURDAY

For Evelyn and Samuel Groover Shepard,
Margaret Ford students from Brazil
That Christ may dwell in your hearts
through faith.—Eph. 3:17

27—SUNDAY

For native workers among Indians in Ok-
lahoma
He . . . is my Rock.—Psa. 62:1

28—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. E. G. Wilcox (Celia
Ferra), educational work, Recife, Brazil,
and Dorothy and Juanita Wilcox, Mar-
garet Ford students
God is faithful through whom ye were
called.—I Cor. 1:9

29—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Ricketson (Ber-
tie Abernethy), educational work, Shang-
hai, China
In the fear of Jehovah is strong man-
doce.—Prov. 14:26

30—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Stapp (Mary
Shannon), evangelistic work, Campina
Grande, Brazil, and Wilford Lee Stapp,
Margaret Ford student
I came that they may have life.—John 10:10

Attended W.M.U. Training School
Attended Southwestern Training School
Former Margaret Ford Student

BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Miss Isabelle Coleman, Virginia

Suggestions: 1. Welcome the members with a miniature map of Italy. On this "boot" have printed the name of some contribution that Italy has made to the world and that evidences the truth that Italians are a great people, as: Michael Angelo, the world's best roads, the Colosseum, great operas and so forth. 2. *Poster*—Sketch two lovely Italian young people stepping out of the boot and looking at two large hearts, as if to choose: on one heart is printed the traditions' Roman fasces; about them inscribe *Nationalism*, a cross hiding Christ, images of saints and so forth; on the other, print the one word, *Christ*; below print a large question-mark and *Southern Baptists Must Answer!*

TOPIC: The ITALIAN

Christ for the World We Sing (*Quartette*)

Acts 11:1-18—Then Silent Prayer and Meditation with Soft Italian Music

"Take Time to Be Holy"—Hymn by Circle—Followed by Prayer

Historical Review of "The Glory of Ancient Rome"—(Page 23)

Observations: "Roman Christianity"—(Page 25)

Looking at "The Italians Today"—(Page 27)

Intercessory Prayers for Italy and Her People

Challenges to "Southern Baptists in Italy"—(Page 28)

Investing for Christ in "American Italians"—(Page 29)

Stories: "Two Fannies" and "How One Italian Girl Came to Christ"—(Pages 30-31)

Moments of Discussion, Meditation and Prayer

WOMEN in ITALY CARRY STONES up the MOUNTAIN

LEAVING Turin early in the morning in order to visit our churches along the way, we reached the snow-capped peaks of the Alps while they were still bathed in the glow of sunrise. Then we wound up through the Susa Valley, between great fruit orchards, villages and factories. On both sides there were forts, convents, churches and crosses crowning the peaks which rose from the center of the villages that climbed up their sides. The water from the melting snow of the Alps flowed clear and icy along the roadside. This little crystal stream provides the farms and towns with water as it rushes along to the sea.

In Susa we visited the pastor's home which is in reality an old convent of the middle ages. The elaborately decorated ceilings are well preserved and the room, in which Napoleon spent the night on his way down into Italy after crossing the Alps, stirred our spirits. Here in Susa the pastor's wife and each of his daughters gave me a warm-hearted greeting of a kiss on each cheek, though we could not exchange a word.

The pastor went with us to see the little Baptist church, perched on a slope high above the town on the mountain side. The road leading up was so narrow and steep that we had difficulty in passing a cart-load of wheat and donkeys coming down with their burdens. The people had had little money to give for the construction of this little house of worship. So, instead of money, they gave the services of their own hands in erecting the new building. Up that steep slope the women had carried in baskets the rock needed for its construction. It is a simple little building but consecrated by the sacrifices, devotion and loving labor of the women.—Mrs. Charles E. Maddy, Richmond, Va.

Deeply is it regretted that from this issue there was "crowded out" the page giving suggestions to circles as to mission study.



PROGRAM PLANS



Mrs. T. M. Pittman, North Carolina

With the PROGRAM COMMITTEE



As we come to our study of the Italians our minds are filled with many and various pictures of these interesting and romantic people. We see the early days of the Caesars and Nero; of the pagantry and pomp of the early popes; of the great artists and magnificent cathedrals; of the decline of this glory and power into an indolence content with the romance of the past. Our ideas of the people were of lazy, pleasure-loving men and women, content to sing their glorious music, to rest on the sunny side of the wall with little ambition for bettering their lots. Then our minds turn to pictures of Mussolini with his stirring force: our lazy sleepers seem awakened and to be among the most alert people of the nations.

The "Italian Street Song" no longer represents the spirit of the Italians. They have been aroused by a man of great personal force, though this force seems to us wrongfully used.

We have always heard the proverb, "Every road leads to Rome", meaning usually that every plan leads up to one's dominant interest. We see from the study of this month's material where this proverb originated: every road in Italy led to the golden milestone set in the center of the city of Rome (see page 24). We may take this as the thought on which we build our program: 1st—Roads That Lead to Rome; 2nd—Roads That Lead from Rome.

In the first section of the program, "Roads That Lead to Rome", we may take the program material through "Southern Baptists in Italy" (pages 23-29).

First there should come an opening talk on "The Glory of Ancient Rome". This will explain the "Golden Milestone" and tell of the two divisions of the program. It may be given by the leader. She may call it the "Road of Power into Rome" (pages 23-25).

The second talk should be on "The Road of Christianity into Rome", beginning with the section "Roman Christianity" (pages 25-27).

A third talk may be headed "The Road of Returning Power" and may give a brief statement of present conditions as described in "The Italians Today" (pages 27-28).

The last talk of the first section is "The Baptist Road to Rome" as given in "Southern Baptists in Italy" (pages 28-29).

The second part of the program tells of "Roads from Rome" and must be given briefly. First, "Roads from the Golden Milestone to the Land of Gold" tells of "American Italian". The second talk may be called "The Joining of Roads"; the speaker tells the story of our Miss Fannie Taylor and the Italian Fannie D'Arpa (pages 29-31).

Last on the program may be the story of "One Girl on the Road from Rome" (page 31).

A beautiful addition to the program would be a quartet of some of the early Christian hymns. It is said that one of the oldest, "Fairest Lord Jesus", dates back to the early Roman church. This is taught in many of our schools now and a group of young people might sing it.

If the program threatens to be too long, it would be best to omit the first section about the "Glory of Ancient Rome". This is familiar to most members of the society and the real purpose of our study should be to know present conditions.

A round table of latest news from Italy would be instructive. Clip items from "Current Events" (page 33), from other mission magazines and newspapers and give to members in read.



PROGRAM for JUNE



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. Cressman, Tennessee

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

TOPIC for MONTH: The ITALIAN

Hymn for Year

—Watchword for Year

Bible Study—Go with Them, Peter!—Acts 11:1-18 (See page 17.)

Prayer that we may follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit

Hymn—"Come Thou Almighty King" (Italian Hymn)

The Glory of Ancient Rome

—Roman Christianity

Prayer that the world may be saved from the domination of the Roman Catholic Church

The Italians Today

—Southern Baptists in Italy

Prayer for our Baptist work in Italy

—American Italians

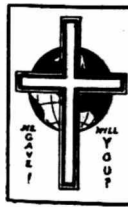
Two Fannies

—How One Italian Girl Came to Christ

Hymn—"Jesus Shall Reign"

Prayer that our missionaries to the Italians at home and abroad may be led by the Spirit of God into great victories

The GLORY of ANCIENT ROME



Our study of the world's races brings us this month to the Italians. To think of Italians is to think of Italy—that land of unsurpassed historic significance, of unexcelled artistic achievements and of unceasing world interest. And to think of Italy is to think of Rome, her capital city, whose stupendous influence on world affairs and whose lasting interest to world peoples make it seem almost true that she is "The Eternal City". The renowned traveler Stoddard says: "More than any spot on earth, Rome centers in itself the history of the world for twenty centuries. Absorbing the individual conquest the fruits of all preceding civilizations and the treasures of all lands,

it is historically the intellectual capital of the world. The current of continuous historic life flows through it now as surely and inevitably as the Tiber. Its modes of government, politics, art, jurisprudence, military science and church history have traveled further even than the Roman legions till they have reached the confines of the globe. We are in many ways Rome's offspring. In every sentence we speak, we use—perhaps unconsciously—some relics of her glorious language; much of our varied culture has come directly from her literature; and many of the laws which keep our social framework from disintegrating were first promulgated beneath the arches of the Forum".

Emmet At the very mention of the name a moving picture more marvelous than any ever thrown on a screen passes before our mind's eye. We see a great city, built on seven hills, with magnifi-

cent public buildings, palatial private homes and beautiful parks and gardens. On one of these hills, the Palatine once lived in magnificent palaces, the emperors and senators and other aristocrats enjoying a luxury of existence scarcely ever known on any other spot of the earth's surface. We see, going out from this capital city, the Roman legions, bent on conquering all the nations of the known world. The success of their conquests made Rome the greatest military power and the greatest empire the world has ever known. We see the generals of these conquering legions returning to their home city in those most magnificent of all pageants, called Roman Triumphs. A description of these triumphs thrills us. We are told that the senators who had decreed the honor to the victorious general met him at the city gates and led the way. After them came a great parade in which was displayed the booty and the weapons of the conquered nations. After them came the most illustrious of the captives: kings, queens and warriors, usually walking barefoot and accompanied by their families. Then came the conqueror himself, riding in a chariot and followed by the representatives of the legions who had made his victory possible.

Among the glories of Rome we see a system of roads, not surpassed even in our day of road building. These roads were kept in perfect condition with milestones and post houses at regular intervals. They went to all Roman provinces, every road leading to Rome and centering like the spokes of an enormous wheel in the "Golden Milestone" in the center of the city.

We see the great Colosseum with a seating capacity of 87,000 filled with bloodthirsty people eagerly watching while gladiators fight wild beasts in the arena. It is said that 10,000 athletes were kept always ready for the Colosseum and that at times as many as 400 lions contended in the arena in one day. We remember that the time came that it was not trained athletes but timid, defenseless Christians who were forced

to fight these wild beasts for the amusement of cruel Romans.

We see the Forum where triumphant generals entertained the populace with great feasts, where wise men discussed the political problems of the day and where orators formed public opinion and decided public issues by the persuasive power of their silvery tongues. A great parade of men whose fame illuminates the pages of history passes before us: Julius Caesar, stabbed by his supposed friend on the ides of March; Mark Antony, charmed from his Palatine palace by the charms of the Egyptian princess, Cleopatra; Cicero, delivering his great orations in the Forum; and Nero, playing his fiddle while the fire, kindled at his instigation, burned the city.

Those who travel in Rome today speak of the wonderful durability of the structures built by the ancient Romans. Truly they thought that they were building an eternal city. When the entrance of a railroad into Rome made necessary the destruction of a part of an old wall it remained so solid after 2400 years that powder had to be used to blow it into fragments. A part of the water works spoken of by Pliny, who wrote in the first century of the Christian era, as a "Monument of Antiquity", still exists and is used for the drainage of the modern city. Thousands of marvelous statues have been excavated from Roman soil, but they are only a slight fragment of the works of art that existed in the time of Rome's glory. Of 80 gilded statues of gods only 1 remains, of 66 ivory statues of the deities only 1 remains. Also 3700 bronze figures, 1700 palaces, 1300 fountains, 900 public baths, 31 theaters and 8 amphitheaters have fallen into complete or partial ruin.

All of this gives us a small conception of the glories of Rome in the ancient days. But not all of Rome's interesting history is ancient. While the light of her glory burned dim during the medieval period, through the church which bore her name the Eternal City still influenced the whole world. And certainly

she is writing some interesting pages in the volume of modern history. Indeed we are witnessing today what seems to be a most important part of Italian history.

However, that is for another part of this program. Let us now just pause for a moment to realize that the Italians, of whom we study today, are more directly descended from the ancient Romans than are any other people. The land of ancient Rome is their land. The blood of the invincible legions flows in their veins. And it is these people, some still living in Italy and some living in our own country whom we are going to study about today, seeing their great need of the Savior and what we are doing to give them Jesus.

ROMAN CHRISTIANITY

TO FIND the beginning of Christianity in Rome we must go back to the story of the early churches as given in the Bible. Yes, among those first churches was one at Rome. We remember with what tenderness the Apostle Paul wrote to these people, expressing his longing to see them. Then we remember how he did finally go to Rome in chains, to live there as a prisoner and then to die as one of the thousands of martyrs who were victims of Rome's paganism. But not many years after Paul's death that paganism, itself, gave way to the advance of Christianity, and that simple little church at Rome, which Paul had so longed to visit, was lost in the development of a great ecclesiastical organization embracing the whole Roman Empire and calling itself the "Holy Roman Church". So did Roman Christianity which started on the simple plan followed by all the apostolic churches become Roman Catholicism, the greatest combined political and religious power the world has ever known.

Before we go into the discussion of the evils of Catholicism let us recognize some of the good which it has accomplished. Without question the Roman Catholic Church has made some most valuable contributions to the world.

Evangelism—From the beginning the Roman Catholic Church had the evangelistic spirit, always desiring to win converts and add new members to her body. We have seen how Christianity spread over all Europe through the missionary efforts of the Roman Catholic Church. Of course their idea of "conversion" was not the correct one, and their method of forcing people to accept their faith is one of the most deplorable things in all history. Nevertheless we must give them credit for having the aggressive evangelistic spirit which was responsible for countless millions leaving paganism to at least call themselves Christians. And doubtless through the ages there has been among the Catholics of all lands a multitude of real Christians, trusting not in the forms of the church but in Jesus for salvation; and these might have been heathen but for their touch with the truth through the evangelistic efforts of Catholicism.

Philanthropy—The Roman Catholic Church has always been and is today a philanthropic institution. Through the middle ages it was to the monasteries that the sick, poor and unfortunate turned for help, and usually they found there kind hearts and hands to minister to their needs. And we know how great today is the ministrations of the Roman Catholic Church, through its schools and hospitals and homes for the orphans and homes for the aged.

Art, Music, Architecture—The contributions of the Roman Catholic Church along artistic lines are too well known to need to be discussed. Some of the world's greatest Biblical paintings, much of her most beautiful sacred music and many of her most artistic churches and other buildings are Catholic productions.

Great Characters—While we decry the evil practices of the priesthood and the immorality of many of the leaders of the Roman Catholic Church, in every age there have been those within Catholic ranks who have beautifully exemplified in their lives the highest ideals of Christian character. Francis of Assisi

ssisi, Benedict, Madam Guyon, Fenelon are examples of Catholics who were devout, pure in their lives and self-sacrificing in their Christian service.

But when everything possible is said for Catholicism the fact remains that this form of religion has in the main been a curse rather than a blessing. It has polluted the pure stream of Christianity, robbing it in large measure of its spiritual power to save the soul and to bless the life. There are millions today who call themselves Christians but who, because their Christianity is of the Catholic kind, know nothing of spiritual Christianity. Let us notice some of the evils of Catholicism.

Ignorance of the Bible—It has always been the policy of the Roman Catholic Church to keep the Bible away from the masses of the people. The idea is that only the priests are capable of reading and interpreting the Bible. Of course the real truth of the matter is that if the people read the Bible they would learn all the fallacies of the Roman Catholic Church and cease to be Catholics. The very existence of the church depends on keeping the people in gross ignorance and profound superstition.

Ecclesiastical System—The churches established by the apostles had no ecclesiastical system other than pastors and deacons who were not rulers but servants of the people. But the Roman Catholic Church has a great ecclesiastical system of priests, bishops, archbishops and cardinals, heading up in the pope. These are not servants of the people but rulers, robbing them of all freedom of conscience and claiming to stand between them and God. Out of this system has grown that ridiculous idea of the infallibility of the pope and such foolish and harmful practices as the confessional and the selling of pardons for sin. This power of the priesthood is supposed to extend even beyond the grave, so the poor deluded people must pay big prices to keep their loved ones safe and happy even in the other world.

Political Power—Not content with having absolute power over the religious life of the people the Roman Catholic Church has always striven and is still striving for political power. This idea was responsible for the connection of church and states. For many centuries the pope was the temporal sovereign of the world, throning and dethroning kings, settling quarrels between kings, emperors, nations and men, and performing all the offices of a temporal ruler. The idea of democracy, which is so prevalent in modern times, has robbed the Roman Catholic Church of much of its political power, but the fact that practically every European country still has a state church shows the influence of this Catholic idea.

Image Worship—The Roman Catholic Church has instituted and maintains a huge paganistic cult of image and relic worship. Of course this is absolutely against the true teachings of Christianity and has done much to rob Catholicism of its spiritual power.

Formality of Worship—Growing out of the ecclesiastical order and image worship has come a formality of worship that is absolutely foreign to the New Testament worship. While there is a certain beauty in the Catholic formalism and we sometimes find ourselves wishing that we might emulate the reverence of the Catholics, we need to remember that their form of worship is based on the wrong idea of relationship to God and is for the most part empty form and vain show.

Misinterpreting the Sacraments—Wrong teachings about the simple rites of baptism and the Lord's Supper are largely responsible for the erroneous practices of the Roman Catholic Church. The idea that there is some saving virtue in these sacraments is responsible for infant baptism, the substitution of sprinkling for immersion, forced evangelism, mass baptism and for practically every false doctrine that grew up in the Roman Catholic Church and has passed from her into other denominations.

This is the religion that started in Rome and spread throughout the world with its polluting and demoralizing influence. This is the religion which has made the Italians largely what they are today. And this is the religion which we must face in all of our missionary efforts for the Italians.

THE ITALIANS TODAY

Their Characteristics—"Taken as a whole the Italians are perhaps the most distinct Latins in the world today. They have all the basic characteristics, distinctive institutions and preeminent qualities of the Latin peoples" (Dr. Gill). The following description of their characteristics is gleaned from the writings of Dr. George B. Taylor, for thirty years our southern Baptist missionary in Italy. The Italians are usually proud and stately—of the same blood with those who made glorious the Eternal City and the Roman Empire. They are also brainy people and in their passion for beauty, order and ceremony and in their power to perfect organization they are perhaps unexcelled by any people in the world. They have marvelous patience and a preeminent desire to please and are uniformly courteous. Like all Latins they are a pleasure loving people and are very fond of shows, pageants and entertainment of all varieties. The individualistic independence so characteristic among Americans is notably lacking among most Italians, especially those of the lower class.

Their Government—A recent article in the *National Geographic Magazine* bears the significant title, "Imperial Rome Reborn", and contains this arresting statement: "Empires have fallen. This one, and this one alone, has risen again". It is indeed true that, since the World War, Italy, from being an almost forgotten nation, has rapidly attained the position of a "first class power", and with her successful conquest of Ethiopia has gone far toward her ambition of remaking the old Roman Empire. Of course the power back of all this is that much talked of and

much wondered about man, Mussolini. While Italy is in theory a monarchy with a king, in reality it is a dictatorship with Mussolini as dictator. In his last book—"Europe: Christ or Chaos?"—Dr. Gill calls our attention to the fact that a dictatorship is no new thing for Italians. The early Latins gave the word "dictator" to the world, and the old Roman emperors were dictators in the truest sense of the term. The word which Mussolini has adopted for his movement, fascism, is also derived from an old Latin word, "fasces", meaning "bundle" or "binding". "The new patriotic movement, with Mussolini at the head, adopted this symbol or emblem to denote that they were bound together in a bundle of determination to save the patria". The whole movement grew out of conditions following the World War, when it seemed that internal strife between patriots and socialists would bring ruin to Italy. The fundamental motive to save the country from communism and revolution has grown to an ambition to establish the old empire. Mussolini has so fired the imagination of the youth of the land that they really believe that under his leadership the glory of old Rome is coming back. Part of Mussolini's power is due to the fact that he has brought many material benefits to the people. But for the new school houses, highways, improved railroads and telephone service the Italian people have paid the price of all their liberties. They have been rescued from communism, but fascism is almost the same thing, called by a different name.

Their Religious Condition—The religious condition of Italy today is deplorable. For fourteen centuries 95% of her people have been under the domination of the Roman Catholic Church. Today that tyranny still exists on one hand while on the other is fascism, taking away from the people what little religious liberty they had. Mussolini and the pope are two absolute rulers, living in the same country, even in the same city, mutually fearing, hating and needing one another, and both of them

demanding the loyalty of the people. Every evangelical effort meets opposition from both fascism and Catholicism. Evangelicals have no liberty to distribute Gospels or Gospel literature, and no open air work is allowed to any except Catholics. And the poor people, living in this greatest religious center of the world, have little if any religion to satisfy their souls, to enrich their lives or to prepare them for eternal life.

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS in ITALY

IN 1870, at the time when the great Italian patriot, Victor Immanuel, won for the Italians civic and religious liberty, southern Baptists had already in the land a representative, Dr. Coty, sent there to open a mission as soon as possible. At once, after Victor Immanuel's triumphant march into Rome, Dr. Coty hastened to the city and so was the first evangelical missionary to enter after this event. A few weeks after, on January 30, 1871, the First Baptist Church of Rome was established. Ever since, southern Baptists have conducted missionary work in sunny Italy. From 1873 for thirty years Dr. George B. Taylor was superintendent of this Mission. When, because of ill health, he was compelled to retire from active missionary service, his son-in-law, Dr. D. G. Whittinghill, became superintendent of the Mission. Dr. Whittinghill and his wife have remained even to this day our faithful missionaries in the "Land of the Caesars". After the London Conference Dr. Everett Gill was placed in general supervision of all European work including Rumania, Spain, Jugoslavia and Hungary.

Through the years, due to the power of Catholicism in the land which gave it birth and which is still the center of its world empire, Baptist work in Italy has been almost impossible: consequently we cannot boast of great achievements here as in China, Brazil and Rumania. But to those who understand the difficulties of the situation the results are most gratifying. We have now fifty-two churches and forty

outstations, with a total membership of about three thousand. In February 1936 our Foreign Board made possible a Baptist Assembly in Rome, to which the Baptist pastors came and which was a great blessing to the work.

Never in the history of the Italian Mission has the work been more difficult than at the present time. Added to the continued and intensified opposition of the Roman Catholic Church there is the militaristic and monopolizing program of fascism which makes it increasingly difficult to reach the people with the Gospel message. Mrs. Whittinghill, in a recent article in *Home and Foreign Fields*, describes the difficulties of the Italian pastors as follows:

"It is hard for an American pastor living in his parsonage, befriended by his gracious parishioners, to realize the isolation of many of our Italian ministers. This is especially true in small towns and out-of-the-way places. Such an one lives in a glass house surrounded by suspicion. His children come in for being boycotted. The priest and local authorities do much to make the path thorny. On very reduced means the pastor must keep up appearances, be ready to help his needy members and spend himself freely, often with little apparent results for the Kingdom".

We are glad to know that at this most needy time our Foreign Board is sending to Italy two new missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Dewey Moore. They sailed on April 10, so by this time they are on their new field. They are wonderfully fitted—by early home training, education and experience in the pastorate—to become missionaries on this difficult field, where we certainly need to place our best. In writing of their call and appointment Dr. Moore says:

"We know not what is ahead of us, but we know Who is there, and that is something gloriously thrilling and very humbling in being called of God to say with Paul: 'As much as in us is, I am ready to preach the Gospel to you that are at Rome, also'".

Conditions in Rome were far from favorable when Paul wrote these words, but they are probably even worse now. So surely we need to pray that God will be near these new missionaries to support and help them as they adjust themselves to a strange land and get ready to witness for Christ amid all the opposing powers of Catholicism and fascism.

AMERICAN ITALIANS

BACK in the days when Italians were free to travel as much as they pleased and when conditions in Italy were such as to make the poverty-stricken and down-trodden people desire to travel as far from the homeland as possible, America was a land of enchantment to them. Rev. J. F. Plainfield, a native of Italy who is now our missionary to the Italians in Tampa, Florida, tells that when a child in Italy he often heard on the streets of his town a popular song of the day:

"America, America,
Thou land of freedom and of gold,
We come to thee, eagerly accepting
Thy urgent call and thy embrace".

By such a song were the Italians fired with a desire to come to America. So they came, all who could get here came! And here they are today, with their children and grandchildren. The Italian population of the southern states is estimated at 450,000. These are Italians who to a large extent are just like those we have been thinking about in Italy. And yet they are Americans, many of them American citizens, all of them living in our land and either adding to or subtracting from the safety and welfare of our beloved country. Our Home Mission Board has work among Italians in centers where they are especially numerous, with three missionaries in West Tampa, Florida, three in Birmingham, Alabama, and two in Krebs, Oklahoma. These missionaries work through sixteen churches and mission stations.

Our oldest and largest Italian work is in West Tampa. There is located the North Boulevard Baptist Church, which

has a good graded Sunday school, a full graded W.M.U. and three B.Y.P.U.'s. The Armenia Avenue Baptist Italian Mission is in the center of another community where Sunday school and week night services are held, also a daily kindergarten which is maintained by parents of the children attending and by love offerings from other sources. The pastor of North Boulevard Church, Dr. J. F. Plainfield, and his family and Miss Fannie Taylor live on the second floor of the Armenia Avenue Mission. Miss Fannie Taylor, writing of the work, speaks of the development of the young people. She says that four of the fine young men of the North Boulevard Church are students in Furman University, standing high both as students and in the religious life of school and churches. Most of the teachers and officers in the Sunday school of North Boulevard Church are Italian young people who have been trained in the church. She says, "It is interesting to see that the majority of radiant little faces in kindergarten circles and other groups are children of parents who have been identified with our work through the years".

A similar work to this is carried on in Birmingham, Alabama, with Miss Bertha Wallis in charge of the Good Will Center and with Rev. A. Pucciarelli, pastor of the Italian church. Miss Mary Headen, former director of the center, wrote of the work:

"We have Sunday school classes, Bible classes, sewing classes and many activities to interest the children, mothers and young people of the community. At Christmas time the friends of the Southside Baptist Church came and gave a lovely entertainment for the little tots, serving refreshments and playing Santa Claus. During our Vacation Bible School last summer many of our children and young people professed faith in Christ. Several of our mothers too have accepted Christ but have not followed Him in baptism".

In Oklahoma with Krebs as a center our missionary, Mr. Pascal Arpaio, is

doing splendid work through seven mission stations. Mr. Arpaio writes of his work: "We are handicapped by not having places in which to worship as public school buildings are not suitable for our mission work because they are open to all denominations. However, we are doing the best that we can and our work goes well. It seems that we are changing the hatred of the Catholics for the evangelicals and are freeing them of the fears of purgatory, because many of the Catholics are calling on evangelical preachers for marriages and funerals. We are encouraging the people in our communities to read the Bible but before we put a New Testament in the hands of Catholics we expect them to learn by heart and repeat in the congregation the first and twenty-third psalms, the beatitudes and the fourteenth chapter of John".

TWO FANNIES

THIS is a story of two Fannies, one an American and the other an Italian. The first is our own beloved Miss Fannie H. Taylor, who twenty-four years ago began her work among the Italians in Florida. At the close of her very first Sunday evening Italian service, while she was shaking hands and smiling—all that she could do because she couldn't speak Italian—the Italian Fannie walked up and greeted her in English, saying, "I am very happy that you have come". Miss Taylor says that the girl was only fifteen but that she looked to be at least eighteen years of age, partly because she had already worked in a cigar factory for two years and also because of the Italian custom of making a girl feel old and act old when she enters her teens.

The missionary Fannie learned that the Italian Fannie's full name was Serafina D'Arpa and that her family had come from Italy to West Virginia, where little Fannie had learned some English in a school in a mining district where her father had worked. In Tampa the two Fannies soon became good friends. The Italian Fannie and her sister Mary

were eager pupils in the first night school class taught by Miss Taylor. The missionary found herself leaning on the younger Fannie as an interpreter of the Italian lingo. She learned too that the Italian girl had a beautiful musical voice, and since the missionary Fannie too was a musician she greatly enjoyed hearing the girl sing in English or Italian at different services. Indeed, Fannie D'Arpa with her smiling face and original philosophy brought much encouragement to the heart of Miss Fannie Taylor in those early years.

By and by the young girl was converted, but her mother refused to permit her to be baptized. On one occasion Miss Taylor thought the mother's consent had been obtained but when she called at the home to take her to the baptismal service the mother told her that Fannie was not at home. The missionary learned from a neighbor friend that the mother had forced the girl to hide in a rear room. But there came a time when Fannie asserted herself and made an extended visit to relatives in Trenton, New Jersey. While there she married an Italian man and when her first girl, Angelina, was four months old she and her husband came to Tampa for a visit and decided to live there. Her husband was not a Christian and as yet Fannie had not been baptized, so she hoped and prayed that he would make the surrender that both might be baptized into the Italian Baptist Church. Two more girls and a boy were born and she took great pride in sending them to Sunday school. When her oldest child wanted to be baptized at the age of eleven our Italian Fannie was happily immersed at the same time. True to her interest in interpretations of religious feelings she likes for her married name, which is San Paulo, to be called "St. Paul".

So today the Italian Fannie is a loyal member of North Boulevard Church, where her children are being trained in the G.A., R.A. and Sunbeam Bands, and the missionary Fannie is happy in seeing this fruit of her work among

Italians. Both of the Fannies ask us to join them in prayer for the conversion of the Italian husband.

HOW ONE ITALIAN GIRL CAME TO CHRIST

FOR a long time Miss Mary Headen (former director of Good Will Center in Birmingham but now working in Illinois) wished for a helper in her work. She believed the Scripture which says, "One can put a thousand to flight but two can put ten thousand to flight", so she continued to hope and pray for a co-worker. Then through the leadership of the Holy Spirit she found a Baptist woman in Birmingham who was willing to leave her home and give her time to the winning of souls. Together Miss Headen and her helper prayed, taught the Word and spoke to lost Italians about their souls. Miss Headen relates the following story as an illustration of the power of their united effort:

"One day as I made my way to the Good Will Center, there was an unusual joy in my heart, for the Lord had revealed to me through the Holy Spirit that a soul would be saved that day at our class meeting. Conditions did not look very promising as the Bible class began, for there were only a few Italian girls present and all of them were Christians. But while we were singing a

beautiful hymn there entered a girl about eighteen years old. She was lovely with her coal black hair and eyes, and as I looked into her face the Holy Spirit said, 'This is the one'. However, my faith wavered, for I knew that there was much in this girl's life to make it difficult for her to accept Christ. She and her parents were strong Catholics, and the priest visited often in her home. And, too, I knew, though she was young, she lived a very sinful life. She danced, swore, played cards and apparently cared nothing for sacred things. But even though my faith wavered, I remembered that God could save all sorts of sinners and that nothing was too hard for Him. After prayer we studied the Bible lesson in the second chapter of John. While my co-worker, for whom I had wished so long, explained fully the plan of salvation, I prayed earnestly that the Holy Spirit would touch the heart of this sinful girl. My prayer was answered, for the girl fell on her knees and surrendered to Jesus. A great change came at once in her countenance. There was a light there that comes only to those who have an experience of grace in the heart. My co-worker and I were both so happy that we wanted to shout praises to the Holy Name of Him who could save the soul of a sinful Italian girl".

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Tell something of the glories of ancient Rome.
2. Discuss the contributions of Roman Catholics to the world.
3. Discuss the evils of the Roman Catholic Church.
4. Tell something of the characteristics of modern Italians.
5. What evidences are there of the rebirth of the old Roman Empire?
6. Tell something of Mussolini and the fascist movement.
7. Discuss religious conditions in Italy today.
8. Tell of southern Baptist work in Italy.
9. Who are our two new missionaries to Italy?
10. How many Italians are there in the southland?
11. Tell about southern Baptist home mission work among the Italians.
12. Are there any Italians in our community? If so, what are we doing for them?

REFERENCE MATERIAL

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Last Reports of Home and Foreign Mission Boards	
Europe and the Gospel	Everett Gill
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Follow Me	Una Roberts Lawrence
Keys of the Kingdom	Una Roberts Lawrence

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1 Pocahontas*	Mrs. R. H. Bowden	Rev. R. H. Bowden
1 Portsmouth, Jackson Memorial	Mrs. J. L. Carrick	Rev. J. L. Carrick
3 Portsmouth, Park View*	Mrs. Fred Laughon	Rev. W. H. Bayler
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2 Richmond, Grove Avenue	Mrs. Eodem Dickinson	Rev. C. Sylvester Green
1 Ridgeway*	Mrs. Lealie Turner	Rev. A. B. Allen
2 Roanoke, Virginia Heights	Mrs. R. P. Turner	Rev. Jesse E. Davis
1 Ruckersville*	Mrs. Anna Watson	Rev. W. T. Hall
1 Saltville	Mrs. J. B. Sanders	Rev. E. M. Hall
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6 Spring Hill (Shiloh Assn.)	Mrs. A. N. Fry	Rev. W. T. Hall
6 Thorton*	Mrs. R. E. McGhee	Rev. C. M. Robertson
4 Victoria*	Mrs. H. D. Lucy	Rev. S. G. Harwood
2 Wicomico	Mrs. P. A. Dameron	Rev. H. D. Andersen

FEWER stamps, please! Instead, send more money orders in remitting for the Union's magazines and for supplies of at least 50c to W.M.U. Literature Dept. It is increasingly hard for the Union's treasurer to dispose of the stamps now being received. Kindly read and carefully follow the suggestions made on page 3 of this magazine.

"Father, in Thy Gracious Keeping"

UCH is now Miss Nell Lee Putney who poured out her young life for the cause of Christ in south China, and even so is Miss Mary Jayne who was privileged to labor for many years among the Pawnees. It was fourteen years ago this June that Miss Putney, a Virginia school teacher and graduate of W.M.U. Training School, was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board for educational and evangelistic work in Walchow. Those who knew her best saw in her an exceptionally self-denying Christian, "a living sacrifice". Christlike also was the fruitful service of Miss Jayne: early she served as corresponding secretary of "woman's work" in Oklahoma; for many years she was a Home Board missionary to the Indians, among whom she chose to abide when the shadows lengthened. With loved ones mourn their departure but know that they and the work to which they devoted their lives are ever in the "Father's gracious keeping!"

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

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

"PERFECT DAYS"

THE poet sings of the perfect days in June and they should be perfect from the standpoint of unusually fine missionary education activity. The young people's director, counselors and leaders should plan for using well the hours free from school. Now is the time to begin or continue diligently in carrying out the "Stewardship Education" plans. Intermediate G.A.'s and R.A.'s will have more time to study on the "Titbiting Investigations" than they have had in the midst of school assignments. Be sure that adequate supply of books, leaflets, resources are at hand for their use. Encourage the groups to work out clever modes of presentation of the information they gain—posters, debates, talks, notebooks. The "Juniors" will delight to make attractive scrapbooks of their questions and answers. Meanwhile Y.W.A.'s will be busy about their studies, preparing playlets, tableaux, posters, songs, talks to present in Y.W.A., then before the W.M.S. and on the "Stewardship Church Night" in early fall. The leaflet on "Plans for Stewardship Education of Our Young People" distributed through W.M.U. state headquarters, also page 58 in the 1937 W.M.U. Year Book set forth these plans with many stimulating suggestions.

Now is the time for G.A.'s to make progress in Forward Steps and R.A.'s on their Ranking System. Invite visitors from other auxiliaries or chapters who will tell of the pleasure and profit of this individual effort in gaining missionary information and thereby quicken zeal of the G.A.'s and R.A.'s who have not heretofore undertaken this activity. Look in *World Comrade* for articles

and letters which will tell how others have enjoyed this work. Provide some system of keeping record of advance. A poster board with slits by which small cards with names of advancing G.A.'s and progressing R.A.'s may be raised as projects are completed, or stars or crown-shaped seals added in a row by the name as each new project is finished, will suffice.

Now is the time for emphasizing subscriptions to our magazines. Summer hours should contain much reading of the right sort. Encourage mothers to provide *The Window of Y.W.A.* and *World Comrade*, ready at hand to be picked up and enjoyed. Stress books of missionary intent also. See book reviews in our magazines and invest a few dollars for the thoughtful good of the young people in the church, passing them around in circulating library fashion.

Now is the time for finishing preparation for sending Y.W.A.'s to the Southwide Y.W.A. Camp at Ridgeway, N. C. See page 34 for daily program. Enrollment fee is \$2; room and board, \$2 a day in the hotel. State young people's leaders have all been distributing letters telling of transportation costs and plans; refer to these and be ready to send your select Y.W.A.'s to share in these high experiences. Then through the summer there will be other similar gatherings in the state, district or association for Y.W.A.'s, G.A.'s, R.A.'s and in these gatherings young people from your missionary education organizations should have a part. As fostering, their expenses may be taken care of in full or in part.

And by now the Standard of Excellence should be half filled out on the way to being A-1. By the end of June six months will be past and the second half of 1937 will be before you. Check up all the way around and see what is lacking in a well rounded missionary education program for that is the consideration which is covered in the A-1 attainment of the standard. The "perfect days" of June should set your organizations well along the way in progressive worthwhile activities.



YOUNG WOMAN'S AUXILIARY



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

Across the MILES COMES a WELCOME

Miss Pearle Bourne, Associate Secretary

ACROSS the miles comes a welcome to Y.W.A. members and other interested young women, counselors, W.M.U. young people's directors and associational leaders, speakers and teachers who will gather at Ridgecrest, N. C. for the Southwide Y.W.A. Camp, June 22-July 2, 1937. The theme chosen is one that will broaden our outlook upon the world and its problems, even as it shows the place of Christian young women in the world today. "From Firm Foundations to Far Horizons" is the thought around which the Camp program has been built.

Across the miles comes a welcome to the daily activities which will meet the needs of all:

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| 6:45 | "A new day has dawned" |
| 7:15 | Breakfast |
| 7:45- 8:00 | "These Things"—Foundation Stones (<i>Morning Worship</i>) |
| 8:30- 9:30 | Reaching Out in Our Thought and Love (<i>Mission Study</i>) |
| 9:40-10:05 | Announcements |
| 10:15-11:00 | Y.W.A. Foundations (<i>Conferences</i>) |
| 11:10-11:30 | State Delegation Meetings |
| 11:45-12:20 | Foundation Builders—A Study of the Minor Prophets |
| 12:30 | Dinner |
| | Afternoon—As You Like It |
| 5:00 | Inquiry Tea |
| 6:15 | Supper |
| 6:45- 7:30 | Foundation Words in Our Christian Experience
(<i>Vespers by the Lake</i>) |
| 8:00 | Broadening Life's Horizons |
| 10:00 | "Now the Day Is Over" |
| 10:30 | "Safely rest—God is nigh" |

Churches, missionary societies and Y.W.A.'s sending representatives will make a lasting investment which will begin paying dividends when you welcome them back with fresh information, enthusiasm and eagerness for the work of the Kingdom. For further information write to

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CURRENT MISSIONARY EVENTS



Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

The following five items are excerpts from Dr. Whittinghill's annual report to the Foreign Mission Board this year:

Owing to stringent regulations regarding evangelistic work in Italy, eight of our churches and five outstations are closed.

During the past few months the funeral services of two of our dead could not be held, because of stringent police regulations. New work cannot be opened without the consent of the "Powers-That-Be", nor can prayer meetings in private homes be held without the previous consent of the police. Neither can the preaching of the Gospel be performed except in our churches or hired halls, nor can literature be distributed without a special license.

Baptisms are not allowed anywhere except in places of worship; more than half of our churches are without baptistries.

At present we have fifty-six churches and forty-five outstations. There are thirty-nine active pastors. In spite of our difficulties, baptisms increased about forty per cent over last year; Sunday school pupils over twenty per cent. We are now apparently on the upgrade.

All of our beautiful mission property on Monte Mario just outside of Rome has finally been sold by order of the government. The Taylor Orphanage has been moved to new and cramped quarters. The property will bring about \$60,000 according to Dr. Whittinghill, which is more than was paid for it in 1920-22 but is about one-third its present value.

Since in our study this year of the peoples among whom southern Baptists have mission work there is no specific study of the Rumanians, it does not seem amiss to think of them in connection

with the Italians. More than sixty per cent of the inhabitants of Rumania are of Rumanian blood. True they are to some extent a mixed race but are predominantly Latin, having inherited the language and spirit of the old Romans and are perhaps more like the Italians than any other of the Latin groups.

Notwithstanding the fine progress in our Baptist work in Rumania we must remember that there are yet many and serious handicaps. Dr. Gill in his annual report calls attention to the fact that after nearly twenty years Baptists are not accorded full religious liberty by the state. It seems they would still suppress the Baptists.

According to a communication from Rumania in the *Christian Century* the "most virile and sweeping spiritual force in Rumania is the crusade of the Iron Guards, an extreme nationalistic, anti-Semitic, fascistic organization". "It is", says the correspondent, "made up largely of youth and moved by flaming religious passion. From the beginning the leader based his appeal on Christianity. God, the church and spiritual power; but", he adds, "they are much more influenced by the Old Testament than the New. Justice and not love is their ideal; cleansing, not forgiveness. For them the Holy Spirit is a sword, not a dove. They say it is God and the Iron Guards against corruption in Rumania".

Out of a group of fifteen Royal Ambassadors in the New London Baptist Church only two were left after the ghastly catastrophe at the New London school in Texas. One W.M.S. writer says: "Almost all of the G.A.'s are gone. This great tragedy seems a little nearer home to us when we realize that they were our own G.A.'s and R.A.'s. I understand that the New London Baptist Church lost sixty-one of its boys and girls".

At RIDGECREST, N. C.

many southwide conferences will be held this coming summer. Among these the following are of particular interest to Woman's Missionary Union:

1—Southwide Y.W.A.
Camp

June 22-July 2

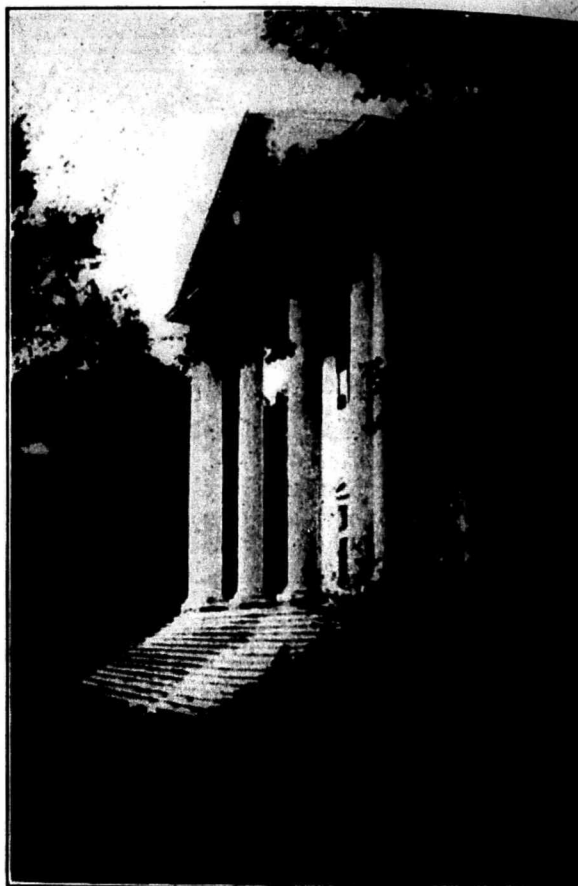
2—State and Home Mission Conference

August 1-6

3—Foreign Mission Board Conference

August 8-13

It is sincerely hoped that every state will so plan that its finest Y.W.A. members will attend the camp. Women's Missionary Societies are also urged to participate in each of the mission conferences in August.



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