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EDITORIAL

ENLISTED for MISSIONS

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



The month of OCTOBER has come to be thought of, in W.M.U. ranks, as ENLISTMENT MONTH, when a concerted effort should be made in all organizations to lead the women and young people of our churches to more whole-hearted devotion to the cause of missions, through attendance upon meetings, through participation in the programs and the prayer plans and in financial support. This year the month of October takes on very special significance because we are in the preparation period for unusual advances in the Golden Jubilee, the year 1938. If we are to attain the high objectives we have set for ourselves, spiritually and materially, we must enlist our membership fully in all such plans and program.

ENLIGHTENED members will be constrained to full support of the denominational missionary program. Our enthusiasm for missions will never rise above our intelligence about missions. If our members are to be enthusiastic they must be enlightened. Much thought and careful planning to make our regular programs interesting and informing are prime requisites. Mission study to meet the need of each member will help greatly. Careful planning for the special Weeks of Prayer will enable members to pray more intelligently and thus more effectively.

ENLIVENED members are the sure result of sincere efforts to make the whole organization fully enlightened about missions. Such members will inevitably share their enthusiasm with others; they will be like leaven, quickening the missionary spirit of other women and young people. The church of which they are members will be stimulated to larger interest in missions and to gifts more abundant.

ENLARGED organizations will be sure to follow and thus their usefulness will be multiplied. Missionary vision will serve to quicken the missionary spirit which operates at home and which radiates in ever-widening circles until it compasses the whole world, even as Jesus said.

ENERGIZED members are those individuals who are enlightened, whose vision is enlarged. Energized organizations are those whose full membership is enlightened about missions, whose vision is enlarged. Through such the Spirit works freely and completely, strengthening them for service—real missionary service in their respective churches and communities—making them sharers in a world-wide program of missions, through their ready gifts, through prayer and surrender of self.

ENLISTMENT FOR MISSIONS: this is the ideal of Woman's Missionary Union as it seeks women and young people for larger service in the Kingdom—not members in name only, not merely meeting the minimum requirement to be counted as an active member, but members enlightened, enlivened and energized. Only such members are truly enlisted.

The rich heritage of a half century of organized life would not be ours today if members of other years had not striven to attain the ideals for which we now work. Their earnest effort served to enlist great numbers to work together for the promotion of Christian missions. That we may transmit that heritage, not impoverished but enriched and multiplied, let us work earnestly that an enlightened, enlivened membership may provide enlarged organizations, energized for better service, with all members and organizations ENLISTED FOR MISSIONS!

OUR GOLDEN JUBILEE

Southwide Jubilee Chairman: Mrs. George McWilliams, Missouri

MY PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY for the GOLDEN JUBILEE

THIS interlude between the prayer plans for our spiritual preparation for the Golden Jubilee of Woman's Missionary Union—presented to you in the September issue of *Royal Service* as a part of the Season of Prayer for State Missions and to be in the December issue in connection with the Day of Prayer around the World—is not to be thought of as a cessation from prayer for our preparation for this important anniversary. In reality it is an opportunity to put into practice some of the desires generated from our larger vision, gained through prayer, of the privileges given to southern Baptist women through the program of Woman's Missionary Union. One of the first truths to be learned, if we do not already know it, is our own personal responsibility for any plans presented, whether they be financial or organizational goals to be reached or programs to be planned.

Four girls wanted the religious training which they felt could be obtained best from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary professors. They were perfectly willing to live frugally in a hall bedroom of a Louisville house. Other girls in small numbers might have continued to go to Louisville for the same privileges and under the same discomforts during these years since 1904 if the Louisville women had not taken it upon themselves to do something about it. The "something" resulted in the Woman's Missionary Union Training School. Do you sometimes wonder who the very first woman was who whispered to a friend, "We must do something about these four girls who are going to the Seminary this year?" The "do something" attitude has put plans for the future development of the Training School into the Golden Jubilee program. The personal responsibility for the suc-

cess of the plan must rest with each of the 595,852 members making up the constituency of Woman's Missionary Union.

There must be many who have borne the responsibility for bringing the Negro from his own country and enslaving him here; there are many more who are responsible for the slow progress in educational and economic advantages which the Negro has had since slavery. The "do something" attitude about the religious training for the women and young people of this race has been found among southern Baptist women for some time; their feeling of *personal responsibility* has put a special gift for this work in the Golden Jubilee program. The success of this undertaking, likewise, rests upon each W.M.U. member.

Forty-five years ago an educated young Englishman felt a *personal responsibility* for the suffering men, women and children of far off Labrador. The climate was icy, the soil was barren; the people whom he would help were ignorant and superstitious and unlovely; the powerful Hudson Bay Company wanted no one to come into that country who would interfere with their huge profits off of these people; no denomination, save one, cared sufficiently for this bit of suffering humanity to brave the dangers and discomforts; seemingly, it was a thankless, impossible task for one man to accomplish; but Wilfred Grenfell had the "vision and the will to alter" this humanly impossible situation. Today there are many wealthy and learned people from many countries who are glad to help this intrepid, practical Christian perform his task and work out his dream. Few are privileged to see the results of his labor as has Sir Wilfred Grenfell; but God does not

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PERSONAL SERVICE



Southwide Personal Service Chairman, Mrs. Eureka Whiteker, Ky.

A CALL to ARMS!

This bit of verse, taken from the "Desire of All Nations", expresses well all that is necessary for us to know concerning personal service:

"His lamps are we
To shine where He shall say;
And lamps are not for sunny rooms
Nor for the light of day;
But for dark places of the earth—
Where shame and wrong and crime have birth—
Or for the murky twilight gray
Where wandering sheep have gone astray".

For to these many years we have been inspired to render service but we have not always put our inspiration into action; therefore, "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it". Let it no longer be said that personal service is the phase of our work about which we talk a great deal and do very little. Let us not only put on our armor but let us also respond to the call, because "the harvest is ripe and the laborers are few".

Where shall we begin? There's the work among the Jews. In 1935 the Personal Service Committee of Southwide W.M.U. adopted a plan of organization for Friends of Israel groups. Far too few of these groups have been organized, but where they have their activities have been most encouraging. Every personal service chairman who does not understand the plan should write to Mr. Gartenhaus whose address is given below. This work should have an important place on our programs—local, associational, regional and state.

The Jews are lost unless they accept Jesus and we are responsible for the lost in our communities. Those who accept Christ face opposition and persecution from their own people. We are to be their friends with our help and encouragement. Many Jews believe that the churches do not want them. It is ours to break down this prejudice and misunderstanding.

If you do not have Jews living in your community your responsibility does not cease. Studying and knowing about this work would enable you to pray more intelligently for the Jews. The least any society can do is a very practical bit of personal service manifested by one or more subscriptions to the "Mediator", a publication for our Jewish friends which costs only twenty-five cents a year. This magazine has not only opened doors but has led many a Jew to the Saviour.

In this vast field we are greatly in need of women workers who could intelligently visit in the Jewish homes in their own communities, interview the women and get in close contact with them. This is one of our ripest fields and we have one lone man, Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus, trying to carry the responsibility for our denomination. Sisters, this ought not so to be! In order to become better acquainted with the people whom we are seeking to win, a study of "A Tale of Two Peoples—Gentile and Jew" by Seay and "The Jew and Jesus" by Gartenhaus will help greatly.

Mr. Gartenhaus is available for speaking engagements in state, regional, associational and local society meetings. Let's use him more. Write to him for copies of the tract, "A New Emphasis on Jewish Evangelism through the Local Church".

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HUNDRED THOUSAND CLUB



"THAT ALL the PEOPLES of the EARTH MAY KNOW"



"Nothing is so powerful as an idea whose hour has come". Southern Baptist leaders are agreed that the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club has done more to stimulate interest in relieving our institutions and agencies of their indebtedness than any other one movement.

Dr. Dillard reported last May at the Convention that \$2,000,000 had been paid in five years on our debts, with interest saved sufficient to pay the salaries of fifty missionaries. \$662,490.32 of this has been received through the Hundred Thousand Club. Our net outstanding indebtedness now is \$3,839,449.78, but our assets are \$24,000,000.

The fact that we not only CAN but ARE paying strengthens our integrity and opens the way for great future enlargement. "There is no defeat for a cause well pushed, if it is right".

W.M.U. loyalty is being demonstrated in an earnest, sustained, united effort to gather 50,000 paid-up debt-paying memberships by the close of this calendar year, the effort representing the work of 1936 also. Monetary contributions of southern Baptist women and W.M.U. young people were magnificent during the past year and we must not fail in this. "We expect success" and its success is not dependent on large contributions but on every individual helping, no matter how small the gift. If we cannot give a dollar a month in addition to our regular church pledge we may enroll under the joint, group, circle or society memberships. Even the youngest Sunbeam may share in this.

It was not surprising, at the New Orleans Convention, that every foreign and home missionary stood to say that he or she had a membership in the Hundred Thousand Club. Of course they have! It should rebuke us when we realize that out of their small salaries and in the face of desperate need so constantly around them, they find a way to add their "over and above" dollar a month.

The most persuasive thing in the world is Christian living. It is not enough to sing "Trusting Jesus, that is all". Jesus is trusting us; He trusts us with the message of redemption for a lost world and if we give Him a chance to work out His will in our lives all these debts will soon be dissolved. May we not lose the high privilege of His leading in this worthy and inspiring cause.

A faithful steward constantly and joyfully recognizes and acknowledges his stewardship. As a partner of his Heavenly Father he shares himself and his possessions with all mankind.

When a traveler enters a foreign country one of the first things he does is to get his money changed into the currency of that land. We can take none of our money to Heaven with us, but we can change it into good works, distributing liberally, "laying up in store".

Joshua 4:24—"That all the peoples of the earth may know the hand of Jehovah that it is mighty". The missionary enterprise is as near as our own door and ends only when it has reached the uttermost parts of the earth.

Let us pray for victory—in our churches, in our homes, in our own hearts—as we concentrate on paying our obligations that we may hasten the day of our liberation.—Mrs. J. W. Storer, Okla

"THINE IS the KINGDOM and the POWER . . ."



And Jesus said: "Ye shall receive power . . . and ye shall be My witnesses. . . . The Kingdom of God is within you". Jesus calls into action that Kingdom. A witness is active. "To them that love God all things work together for good . . . even to them that are called" . . . "Whom He knew He foreordained . . . called . . . justified . . . glorified".

Into His Kingdom we as witnesses are not only *called* but *cleansed* . . . *re-created*. "Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, even as He chose us in Him that we should be holy and without blemish before Him in love". Following this Kingdom preparation comes that mystical, magical, miraculous message to all: "Go ye into all the world . . . Witness!" "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way thou shalt go. I will guide thee with Mine eye upon thee". But go! Witness . . . to lonely . . . desolate . . . difficult . . . tragic places.

Whosoever will go as a witness shall grow . . . "Ye are built upon the foundation and the prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone, in whom all the building fitly framed together grows into an holy temple of the Lord". If we go according to His command, if we grow in wisdom and in knowledge as He bids—then surely we will follow the tender pleading of the Great Apostle and grow, glow in spirit.

But, beloved, if the Kingdom of God is within us to *call* . . . *cleanse* . . . *re-create*, to bid us *go* . . . *grow* . . . *glow* . . . as His witnesses, then we must have power. And power is God. "Thy right hand O, Jehovah, is become glorious in power". "He giveth power to the faint". "The power of the Most High shall overshadow you". The final earthly message from our Lord is concerning power: "All power is given unto Me in Heaven and in earth . . . Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you. . . Ye shall be witnesses unto Me".

There hangs above your head an electric light. It was constructed in the factory by scientists, electricians, glass-blowers and a host of other workers. Time and energy were spent in bringing it to its present state of completion. One hundred per cent of power was granted these workers to accomplish their task. When finished, they had used—of that one hundred per cent of power—just six units! What became of the ninety-four per cent?—Lost power!

Jesus says, "All power in Heaven and earth is Mine . . . I give it to you". The Holy Spirit within my soul says: "Daughter, He built within you the Kingdom of God. He *called* . . . *cleansed* . . . and *re-created* a dwelling-place for His power. He bade you *go* . . . *grow* . . . and *glow* as a witness for Him to a lost world". And I hold up for Him a tiny, weak, insignificant rushlight of so small a per cent that it cannot be measured, . . . when it is my privilege to have all power. But, "it is of the Lord's mercies we are not consumed . . . His compassions fail not. They are new every morning. . . Great is Thy faithfulness. . . This have I recalled to mind, therefore have I hope".—Miss M. M. Lackey, Miss.

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IMMEDIATELY URGENT is an increased effort with dauntless purpose to win during this closing quarter the Union's big preparatory Jubilee effort in behalf of southwide and certain state debt-clearing campaigns. For the eighteen months ending this past June W.M.U. members and organizations reported a total of 25,416 paid-up debt-paying memberships. Truly that was fine! Far finer will it be if the remainder of the 50,000 goal is the EXTRA-EFFORT total of the short time before January.



FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



A CHINESE W.M.U. SECRETARY



As I sat recently in a meeting of the Executive Committee of our Leung Kwong W. M. U. and heard Miss Lee Sau Laan, our W.M.U. field secretary, make her quarterly report of what she had done, where she had been and what marvels of God's grace she had witnessed, I was thrilled and longed that others too should have the joy and praise that her report brought to my heart. I pass on to you some impressions.

It would have thrilled you to hear Miss Lee tell of a W.M.S. meeting in one of the churches where there are only four Christian women, of which group the pastor's wife is the enthusiastic and faithful leader; and where she saw the woman who presided do so with her baby strapped to her back in the usual Chinese fashion. Miss Lee observed that this mother was an example worthy of emulation in not letting difficulties keep us from service for the Master.

It would have thrilled you to hear her tell of work with a W.M.S. composed of Christian women among the boat people and fisherfolk of one of the Baptist churches in Hongkong. Her house-to-house visiting there was boat-to-boat visiting in a little "sampan" which she and the Bible woman hired for the purpose.

It would have thrilled you to hear her tell of her great joy in seeing and understanding more fully the first Good Will Center within our Leung Kwong Baptist Convention territory. This is under the direction of Mrs. A. R. Gallimore in Waichow, East River Field.

It would have thrilled you to hear her tell of a lovely quarterly prayer plan in the East River Field. The plan is to have the churches of the field send to the leader special prayer topics, which topics are grouped, mimeographed and copies sent to each church of that field.

Then a day each quarter is set apart as Day of Prayer for the field and is observed by each church. There are, Miss Lee observed, more Christian men than Christian women in the East River Field, the reverse of which is more generally true in other sections in south China.

It would have thrilled you to hear her tell how mountains were crossed, how muddy roads were traversed, how long boat trips were experienced and even enjoyed and how neither in summer's heat nor winter's cold nor in privations innumerable has the Lord's presence failed her. She testified that He has grown nearer and dearer each step of the way.

It would have thrilled you to hear her echo the call from far-away Kwongsi Province for a full-time W.M.U. secretary in the territory of the Southwestern Baptist Association; and how the W. M. U. of that field had already raised about one-half the amount needed. The Executive Committee of W.M.U. of the Leung Kwong Baptist Convention will take up the request soon.—Miss Mary C. Alexander, Canton, China

PASTOR WEN of CHEFOO

REV. WEN GWAY FEN had the great advantage of a Christian mother and Christian education under the careful guidance of Mrs. Martha Foster Crawford, in Tengchow. He became a successful business man in Chefoo. He and his active Christian wife were a great help to the Baptist church in its small beginnings when Rev. and Mrs. Peyton Stephens reopened that station in 1906.

Later came the unanimous call from the growing church to be its pastor. It was not easy to accept. But the call came from God as well as from man. He gave himself unreservedly to the work of the Gospel in the church, the mission schools, on the streets and in the shops. His sermons and chapel talks were elo-

quent and so practical and sensible. He well understood the hardships and temptations of Christians living in an open port where the vices of east and west meet and fructify. He was tireless in evangelistic work among Chefoo's floating population of business men.

One young man from a western county was converted and baptized in Chefoo. When the time came for him to return to his heathen home he sought his pastor's sympathy. "Pray for me. I shall be the only Christian in my whole village".

A quick reply, not lacking in sympathy, came with a genial smile. "If you remain the only Christian it will be your own fault!"

The young convert started home with this for his inspiration. In less than six months there came for Pastor Wen an urgent call to visit the village to baptize the dozen or more who had given up idols and were trusting the true God.

Pastor Wen and other evangelists went and found that a real work of grace had been going on in the village. At the next New Year time they reported an entire village without an idol. Those made of paper and wood had been burned. The mud images had been demolished, and those carved in stone had been built into permanent walls.

A few of the old people had not so far outgrown their heathen superstitions as to be free from fear of evil consequences. These weaker brethren (and sisters, especially) apprehended poor crops and other calamities. But next year's harvests were unusually good.

Pastor Wen "laid down his burdens" when only a little past middle life. But his work still grows and bears fruit.—*Anna Seward Pruitt (Mrs. C. W.), Missionary Emerita from China*

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MRS. K. M. WONG

Concerning Mrs. Wong there has come the following interesting sketch by Miss Mary Alexander: "Mrs. K. M. Wong is the wife of the principal of Pooi Ching Boys' School in Canton, China. He is a Baptist leader of great popularity and ability. Mr. and Mrs. Wong have one daughter who is now a student in Pooi To Middle School, also at Canton. Mrs. Wong is president of the Younger Matrons' W.M.U. of the Tung Shan Baptist Church and has been president for several years of the W.M.U. of the Leung Kwong Baptist Convention. She is a fine Christian woman—unassuming but efficient; quiet but a thoughtful and able leader. She is a true helpmate for her husband. They have a lovely, well-ordered, modern home—a truly Christian home".

MARGARET FUND

Chairman, Mrs. Frank Burney, Waynesboro, Ga.

AWARDING ELIZABETH LOWNDES SCHOLARSHIP

"And they that have not heard shall understand".—*Romans 15:21*

We desired in our hearts to have all the large audience at Ridgecrest, during Foreign Mission Week this summer, understand more fully the functions of the Margaret Fund. On Wednesday evening 30 students were seated on the platform, while the work was presented. From China, Argentina, Brazil and Chile these Margaret Fund beneficiaries had come, 16 of them having summer work on the Ridgecrest staff. Julia Connely, David Mein, Archibald McMillan, Samuel Bagby and Mary Lucile Saunders spoke for all the students. They spoke impressive words of gratitude and thanksgiving for what the Margaret Fund had meant in helping to provide college training and in blessing their lives while absent from their parents. Dr. O. P. Maddox of Brazil and Mrs. C. K. Dozier of Japan testified to the great "burden lifter" the Fund has been to the many missionary parents whose sons and daughters would have been denied college education or who would have found it very difficult to finance it had it not been for the Margaret Fund.

The high point on this occasion was the awarding of the first Elizabeth Lowndes Scholarship. Such honor was given Archibald McMillan of China, who will be a senior at Wake Forest College this fall. Archie had come over to the evening's meeting from the Ridgecrest Boys' Camp where he was engaged as physical director during the summer. The award was a complete surprise to him. Splendidly had he just spoken of the inspiration of the Margaret Fund, testifying in manly fashion how such aid had brought out the best in his life, creating in his heart a desire to measure up to the highest in scholarship and conduct, because the Fund to him embodied love and prayers and most unusual gifts. The vast audience had been deeply moved as he told of his earnest desire and ambition to be well trained to serve his Master effectively and efficiently in China in the coming years.

The audience was reminded how the Elizabeth Lowndes Scholarship was begun in 1934 as an expression of ever-abiding gratitude and appreciation for the long years of faithful efficient service by Mrs. W. C. Lowndes, who was treasurer of Woman's Missionary Union almost 40 years. The chairman recalled how the goal of \$7,000 had been completed by the "Forget-Me-Not" gifts last year. All rejoiced that now the interest—\$200—was to be used for an extra scholarship to the senior whose records during the three preceding years were outstanding in scholarship, and whose conduct and influence were most exemplary and worthy.

The audience was then told that Archibald McMillan's general average for the past three years was a fraction over 96. Dr. Thurman Kitchen, president of Wake Forest College, said in a letter: "From his academic record, Archibald is one of the most outstanding men we have had in some time. He is an active religious leader, not only on the campus but among the young people throughout the state. He is editor of the *College Weekly* and is one of the best debaters on the college team. The truth is, it is difficult to talk about Archibald McMillan without using superlatives".

All interested hearts will remember to rejoice and pray for this gifted young man and his parents of Soochow, China. This is indeed a marked honor, especially as Archibald will be remembered as the very first beneficiary of the Elizabeth Lowndes Scholarship Fund.

Mrs. Lowndes is now among that blessed "cloud of witnesses", having died in March of 1935. Our hearts rejoice today that so fine, consecrated and attractive a young man has received the award which bears her name. We also rejoice that this memorial scholarship plan did so delight her heart when it was first begun in January of 1934. Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, the gracious and beloved president of Woman's Missionary Union, S.B.C., closed the holy hour at Ridgecrest with earnest prayer for this first beneficiary and for all Margaret Fund students and their parents.

TRAINING SCHOOL

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

"WINDOWS into SPACE"



So reads the arresting title of an interesting article on pictures in a recent magazine. Instantly it awakened in my mind a train of thought relating to experiences of student life in the Training School.

"Human beings—for some reason psychologists have not got around to explaining—have a need of space for their spirits, just as they need so many cubic feet of air per person in order to breathe. Yet modern living, especially in cities, tends to decrease more and more the amount of space in which each of us operates. Happily for us, it may be found in a certain kind of picture which affords almost the same satisfaction to the eye as an actual wide view. Such pictures are like windows opening into space."

In the long ago Jesus walking on the shore of a little sea in Palestine saw four fishermen, ordinary, hard-working men engaged in a very prosaic task for the purpose of making a living. Passing along the busy streets of a Palestinian town He looked upon a keen business man, a man of education and culture, despised publican though he was. He saw in all these men possibilities that they did not know they had. He sensed in them qualities on which He could launch His movement and build the Kingdom of God. And so out of such diverse personalities He formed His basic organization. Out of narrow, limited, restricted backgrounds, out of selfish, unsympathetic, material-centered vocations and points of view He called them into the greatest business in the world, that of being "laborers together with God" in building the Kingdom. His simple "Follow Me" became for them a "window into space"—nay, verily, a door leading out to far horizons of thought and action.

By the alchemy of divine grace youth today are hearing that same call to service through the Book and books, through sermons, conferences, classes. They, too, come from diverse backgrounds with varying degrees of native ability. And His "Follow Me" continues to be a "window into space" for all those who want to escape the cramped quarters into which their spirits have been crowded and imprisoned by a material-minded age.

But the "Follow Me" was only a window into space. It took the training in the school of the Master, the daily association with other growing personalities, the contact with the Master Himself to open up for them doors looking out to far horizons.

Likewise eager-hearted young women following the gleam of a purposeful life enter the Training School with a spirit similar to that of the disciples of the long ago. The training of mind in stimulating classes under teachers of world vision, the practice in many types of service to be found in a modern American city, the fellowship with like-minded students, the guidance and friendship of faculty and staff members, the inspirational contacts with missionaries and other leaders in religious work, the hallowed influence of chapel hours, the opportunities for developing the personal religious life—all these experiences—are doors opening into a new world of thought and life.

After two years spent in such an atmosphere the average young woman emerges a changed person, a growing personality. The school cherishes for all who come
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Calendar of Prayer October, 1937

Prepared by Mrs. Maud R. McLure, Georgia

The DESOLATE COUNTRY

WIT'S END is a desolate country
Where, over stubble and stone,
Most of us wander at some time
And always wander alone.

Topic: The Chinese

1—FRIDAY

Pray for Mrs. Alice Spragg Duval, "Miss Naomi Robertson and Mrs. A. Scott Patterson (Ione Geiger), emeritus missionaries from Africa, and Patay Patterson, Margaret Fund student. Pray also for Mr. Patterson, resuming work in Nigeria. Let the peace of God rule in your hearts. —Col. 3:15

2—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Edwin B. Donier (Mary Ellen Wiley), Fukuoka, Japan, and for the W.M.U. of Japan. Thou hast been my help. —Psa. 63:7

3—SUNDAY

For God's blessing on our Baptist schools in China. I will give you a mouth and wisdom. —Luke 21:15

4—MONDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. Mansfield Bailey (Ethel Steamer), medical and evangelistic work, Kwelin, China. Laborers together with God—I Cor. 3:9

5—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Victor Koon (Aurea Lee Hargrove), evangelistic work, Harbin, Manchuria; also for North China W.M.U. Go work today in the vineyard. —Matt. 21:28

6—WEDNESDAY

For editors of *Home and Foreign Fields*. The firm foundation of God standeth. —1 Tim. 2:19

7—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Abernathy (Jewell L.), evangelistic work, and Miss Mary Crawford, educational work, Tsinan, China. Know that Jehovah hath set apart for Himself him that is Godly. —Psa. 4:3

8—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Jas. W. Moore (Minnie Foster) — on furlough — evangelistic work, Cheloo, China, and Jas. W. Jr. and Martha Jane Moore, Margaret Fund students. Come ye after Me and I will make you fishers of men. —Matt. 4:19

9—SATURDAY

For home missionaries among the deaf: Rev. J. W. Michaels, Mountsainburg, Ark.; Rev. and Mrs. A. O. Wilson (Thena Ann Richardson), Dallas, Tex. As we have opportunity, let us work that which is good. —Gal. 6:10

10—SUNDAY

For the native Baptist churches in China. My Father worketh even until now, and I work. —John 5:17

11—MONDAY

For faithful use of self-searching questions (See pages 9-10 of September *Royal Service*). Pray also for annual sessions of W.M.U. of New Mexico, Albuquerque, Oct. 11-12. Stand in awe and sin not. —1st. 4:4

12—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. John L. Riffley (Prudence Amos), evangelistic work, Bella Horizonte, Brazil. They that wait for Jehovah shall renew their strength. —Isa. 40:31

13—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Harris (Florence Powell), evangelistic work, Kailang, China, and for Heaton Harris, Margaret Fund student. The God of hope fill you with great joy. —Rom. 15:13

14—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. M. S. Blair (Cora Hancock), evangelistic work, Rosario, Argentina. Hide me under the shadow of Thy wings. —Psa. 17:8

15—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. L. A. Thompson (Pauline Pratter), evangelistic work, Shichow, China, also for South China W.M.U. In Thy name shall they rejoice all the day long. —Psa. 39:16

16—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Christie (Anne Cloud) — on furlough — evangelistic work, Campos, Brazil, and for James Christie, Margaret Fund student. They shall not labor in vain. —Isa. 65:23

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VET. at the ultimate boundary,
After bleak miles have been trod,
Many have found a gateway
With the simple inscription—God
—Adelaide Love

Topic: The Chinese

17—SUNDAY

Pray for our Baptist hospitals in China
A great door and effectual is opened.
—1 Cor. 16:9

18—MONDAY

For annual sessions of W.M.U. of Mary-
land, Baltimore, Oct. 18-22, and of Ari-
zona, Phoenix, Oct. 19-20
Through God we shall do valiantly.
—Psa. 124:6

19—TUESDAY

For Mrs. Elkin Lightfoot Lockett—on
furlough—evangelistic work, Ogbomoso,
Nigeria
My soul waiteth in silence for God
—Psa. 62:1

20—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Adams (Floy
White), evangelistic work, Dairen, Man-
churia
The hope of the righteous shall be elad-
ness.—Prov. 10:28

21—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. V. L. David (Ada
Bessie Manning), evangelistic work, Ra-
facta, and Miss Minnie McIlroy, Pub-
lishing House, Buenos Aires, Argentina
He is their stronghold in the time of trou-
ble.—Psa. 37:39

22—FRIDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Schwab and all
members of faculty of Arabic Baptist
Academy, Church Point, La.
Continue steadfastly in prayer, watching
therein with thanksgiving.—Col. 4:2

23—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Enloe (Crystal
Armstrong), evangelistic and young peo-
ple's work, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
To whomsoever much is given of him
shall much be required.—Luke 12:48

24—SUNDAY

For God's blessing on the Baptist orphan-
ages in China
Pure religion and undefiled is to visit the
fatherless and widows.—Jas. 1:27

25—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Terry (Lula
Sparkman), evangelistic work, Victoria,
Brazil, and Sue Elizabeth Terry, Margaret
Fund student
He will invest thee with His portion.
—Psa. 91:14

26—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Paul C. Bell (Ida Perle),
Mexican Baptist Institute, Bastrop, Texas,
and for all native Home Board missionaries
working in Texas
Let us work that which is good unto all
—Gal. 6:10

27—WEDNESDAY

For Mrs. Jennie Lowrey Graves and Mrs. E.
F. Tatum (Mona Hall), emeritus mission-
aries from China
I Myself will be the Shepherd of My
sheep.—Ezek. 34:15

28—THURSDAY

For Mrs. and Miss Hermon Kay (Kay-
becca Reed), on furlough student evan-
gelism, Tokyo, Japan
Unto Thee do I pray.—Psa. 5:2

29—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Westbrook
(Lanette Ellington), Shanghai University,
Shanghai, China
In all thy ways acknowledge Him.
—Prov. 3:6

30—SATURDAY

For W.M.U. of Chile. Also for Rev. W.
L. D. McDonald, emeritus missionary from
Chile
I will establish My covenant between Me
and thee.—Gen. 17:7

31—SUNDAY

For Rev. C. L. and Dr. Hattie G. Neal,
educational work, San Antonio, Texas
for W.M.U. of Mexico
His banner over me was love.
—Song of Sol. 2:4

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*Attended Southwestern Training School

*Attended Baptist Bible Institute

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FAMILY ALTAR

Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

TOPIC: The CHINESE

"And I say unto you, that many shall come from the east and west and shall sit down with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the Kingdom of Heaven". "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us".—Matt. 8:11; Psa. 103:12

A Family Altar

1st Day—Job 1:1-12

2nd Day—Job 1:13-22

3rd Day—Job 2:1-13

4th Day—Job 4:5-9, 17

5th Day—Job 5:17-27

6th Day—Job 7:17, 18

7th Day—Job 42:1-7, 10, 12, 17

Patient in Doing

15th Day—Jas. 1:2-20

16th Day—Jas. 4:7-17

17th Day—Rom. 6:1-10

18th Day—Heb. 12:1-13

19th Day—Psa. 37:1-9

20th Day—Psa. 119:65-67, 71-77

21st Day—Gen. 26:12-31

Patient in Speaking

22nd Day—Prov. 13:1-5

23rd Day—Prov. 27:1-11

24th Day—Eccl. 5:1-7

25th Day—Jas. 1:21-27; 3:13-18

26th Day—Psa. 34:11-19; 39:1

27th Day—Psa. 141:1-10

28th Day—Col. 4:6

29th Day—1 Pet. 3:10, 15, 16

30th Day—Matt. 12:37

31st Day—Rev. 14:5

Patient in Suffering

8th Day—Jas. 5:10-16

9th Day—Acts 9:16

10th Day—1 Cor. 4:12, 13

11th Day—II Cor. 1:3-7

12th Day—II Cor. 4:15-18

13th Day—Phil. 1:20; 3:10

14th Day—Heb. 2:9, 10, 14, 18

"Pray Ye"

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow!"

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me!"

"Guide me in Thy truth and teach me".

"Strengthen, O God, that which Thou hast wrought for us".

"O send out Thy light and Thy truth!"

Ask for God's blessing upon observance of State Sea-
son of Prayer.

Pray that the "Self-Searching Questions" may stir
many hearts. (See page 34.)

Intercede for Baptist schools and for all youth.

Ask for guidance in Union's effort to secure 50,000 paid-up debt-paying mem-
bership. (See pages 7, 8.)

Pray for proper preparation for the Golden Jubilee.



BIBLE STUDY

Ella 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.

GUIDANCE in FOREIGN MISSIONS

Acts 16:6-15; Phil. 1:12-14, 19-21 (*Study Acts 16 to end.*)

THIS topic covers the rest of Paul's travels, his arrest at Jerusalem, imprisonment in Caesarea and the journey to Rome. The stories are perhaps familiar. Let us watch the Holy Spirit's guidance upon half-a-dozen points.

1. **As to Workers.** Paul and Barnabas separate upon a personal issue about John (*Mark 15:36-41*). It seems a pity, but in the end it greatly increased the missionary force. Luke's narrative follows Paul and Silas, and presently Luke in person joins them. Young Timothy also, trained in the Scriptures, is added and became Paul's "beloved child". Everywhere Paul looked out for new workers and studied to place them to good advantage.

2. **As to Fields.** We have read how Paul's plan was to reach Ephesus, the capital of the Province of Asia, but the Holy Spirit prevented him by some revelation or providence. He tried to go north and was again hindered, so went northwest to Troas where he had the vision calling him to a new continent, Europe. "He was pushed by the Spirit, not backward but forward!" (*A.T.R.*) It makes all the difference to us that he was willing to be so led. He did afterwards go repeatedly to Ephesus, as well as Athens and Corinth, and finally to Rome. Notice that Acts 18:22, 23 shows a journey ended and a journey begun.

3. **As to Methods.** The Jerusalem Conference had said nothing about social relations with gentiles. But of course foreign missionaries eat with the people to whom they preach! Peter, visiting Antioch, had done so too, till some friends from Jerusalem came, when he tried to hide his conduct. Paul openly rebuked him. Even Barnabas became confused about it. Preaching in synagogues, in riverside arbors, on street corners, in school houses, in prison; working with their hands; organizing churches; ordaining ministers; helping with letters and friendly messengers; reporting to the home church—all this is second nature to missionaries; and always God is guiding.

4. **As to Experiences.** In II Cor. 11:23-29 Paul lists his sufferings—everything from stonings to shipwrecks. In 6:4-10 he gives his compensations: "In the Holy Spirit, in the power of God. As dying and behold we live . . . as poor yet making many rich". He soon learned to interpret providence; and now and then he had a direct word of cheer, like "Fear not, Paul; thou must stand before Caesar".

5. **As to Results.** "Do your best and leave the results with God". But when have we done our best? I heard an experienced saint say to a young, heroic one: "When you pray sincerely to be led and then act as unselfishly as you know how, I think you ought to feel that you *have* been led". Paul and his helpers surely did this. Results are far beyond our dreaming. Could Stephen guess that his death would help to bring to Jesus that fiery persecutor, Saul of Tarsus? Did Paul, planting Christianity in the great cities of the Roman Empire, dream that by the end of the century there would be nearly a million Christians and that his labors and his letters would be a heritage to the churches round the world forever?



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 "What Is This Moslem World?"

by Dr. Charles R. Watson, it will find very practical and stimulating suggestions in the following by Mrs. R. S. Marshall, a Birmingham member of the W.M.U. Executive Committee:

Dr. Watson was born in Cairo, Egypt, of missionary parents and for thirty-five years has been connected with mission work. Since 1920 he has served as president of the American University in Cairo. He prepared the book that his readers might know the extent of the Moslem world, its people, their religion, changing conditions, contact with Christianity, the task ahead. He feels that the Gospel of love is the crying need of the Moslem world, that up to date only exploratory methods have been employed. Only methods under the guidance of the Holy Spirit will break down the barriers in presenting salvation through the redeeming power of a risen Lord. The book is to be ordered from State Baptist Bookstores for \$1 in cloth binding or 60c in paper binding. From the same stores secure supplemental material.

Supplemental Material: Map of Moslem World (60c); *The Heart of the Levant* (40c); *Palestinian Tapestries*; Report of Foreign Mission Board; "Mightily Grew the Word of God"; Album of S.B.C. Missionaries; The Koran (\$1); *Fun and Festival from Moslem Lands* (25c); costumes, pictures, posters, clippings. One period may be given each chapter or taught in five by the combination of chapters 2 and 3, 4 and 5, 6 and 7. In presenting the Preface, divide class into the three groups and address them as such—Moslems, Missionaries, Other Readers.

Chapter I—An Air Journey across Moslem Lands—Map most necessary. Break night into sections: Africa, Asia, Malasia and Moros; 25,000 miles zigzagged over 250,000,000 people of many races; over mountains, valleys, deserts, cities; over the cradle of Islam and the cradle of Christianity; but the vast majority of this 1/2th of the earth's population have Islam as their only spiritual drink.

Chapter II—Moslem Folk: Their Way of Living—This picture represents the life of 3/4ths of Moslem people. Use blackboard and list under the two headings: Lights, the qualities to be preserved; Shadows, dark and real. Have we as Christians enough faith to remove the shadows that these races may become a part of the Kingdom of God upon earth?

Chapter III—The Gripping Power of Islam—By previous assignment, show how the heart of the Moslem is stirred by the thought of his prophet, Mohammed, by the Koran; and by the tenets of his faith as stated under "Beliefs and Practices"—Allah—who to the Moslems is a living God, omnipotent, omniscient and irresistible!

Chapter IV—An Appraisal of Islam—Let us appraise fairly, as a world religion, from four viewpoints: its founder, its sacred books, its tenets and what it has done for its followers. A fine chapter for poster outline. Moslem religion provides no plan for the regeneration of its followers.

Chapter V—Ferment and Revolution—Call for assignments, given previously. Show how the intermingling of Christendom and Moslems during the World War opened the doors to Moslem lands. Discuss social, educational, economic, national, political and religious development—the author feeling that all this is under the guidance of an all-seeing God who works through men. Examine the task—our responsibility.

Chapter VI—Islam's Contact with Christianity—Only world religion since Christianity came. Through answers to questions, previously assigned on the sub-heads of the chapter, show that the Moslems have not had a fair chance to know Christ and Christianity.

Chapter VII—The Christian Missionary Movement—Study the *three lives* listed under Pre-Modern Missions; the ones under Modern; Missionary Agencies; study well Methods of Approach. Just here will be an excellent opportunity to review what southern Baptists are doing among Moslems.

Chapter VIII—The Future—Discuss from outline on board or chart the eight (Concluded on Page 29)

BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Miss Inabelle Coleman, Virginia

SUGGESTIONS: Since orientals have a peculiar love for nature's beauty, gather autumn leaves for decorations; on back of single leaves print name and station of a missionary to China (see directory on cover page of "Home and Foreign Fields"). Give each member a leaf as she arrives. In front of room have poster bearing spray of autumn leaves. Underneath print: China's S. O. S.—Pray for Us.

PEACE for the WORLD

JULY'S Associated Press brought dual news: 1—of 100 business women blown to pieces in China while working in a factory producing explosives intended for the Japanese enemies; 2—of advances being made upon China by Japan's militarists. Because of these brief facts it is a thrilling experience for the Chinese women to pray for peace. As we begin making preparation for our 1937 December Week of Prayer with its Day of Prayer around the World, we think especially of China and her World Day of Prayer last year. Following the sun the day began in the islands of the Pacific, then it came to China and went on around the world.

"As o'er each continent and island
The dawn brings on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor dies the sound of praise away!"

In Shanghai the devoted friends of Jesus began months before to plan for the service. Mrs. C. C. Chen, the beloved Dean of Women of the University of Shanghai and leader of Baptist business women, was chosen chairman of the all-day meeting of the women for all of the Baptist churches of the city. Early dawn found little companies of women coming into the church, decorated with simple flowers and with bamboo, as the symbol of peace. More than four hundred women representing eight nationalities came. Later, each in her own tongue sang: "Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty; all Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea". Around the world they pondered and prayed. A little Korean woman spoke of the needs of the islands for Christ, a German woman told of Europe's heartache. A Portuguese poured out the call of South America for an empty cross. A tiny Japanese woman led in earnest prayer that we be willing to walk the way

of the cross to secure peace in our day. Each national led in prayer in her own language.

Then, "Mrs. Chen spoke in English and in Chinese, pressing the point that peace must come with justice and righteousness, else there can be no peace. She spoke of the terrible toll of war. Her own son, only fifteen years old, goes to training camp next month". This international day of prayer and Christian fellowship of the W.M.S. members of that far east metropolis echoes the attitude of those first century Christians: "We are no more strangers and foreigners but fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God". When business women in every city shall lead their sisters to think these thoughts and to pray together to this end, cities and nations will be stirred with a new life and a new hope in Christ—even peace through the Prince of Peace.

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TOPIC: The CHINESE

More Love to Thee, O Christ (Hymn)
Yielded in Prayer

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PROGRAM PLANS

Mrs. T. M. Pittman, North Carolina

With the PROGRAM COMMITTEE



As material for the October program goes to press, there is fighting in China to hold back further Japanese seizure of territory. Chinese in America are eagerly and anxiously awaiting the coming of each newspaper; and their cry is, "When will Japan stop trying to take our land from us?" Last month our study was the Japanese, and we love and honor that brave and progressive people. We can only pray that these two nations may settle their differences without further bloodshed and suffering.

The Program Committee must first consider the type of society for which the program is to be prepared. If it is a rather new organization in which the women are just beginning to study the history of mission work in China, then the program should begin with a talk on "Oldest and Largest", "Consider the Chinese" and "The Religions of China". Selections from these three should be joined into one talk, though this should be shorter than the other two parts of the program (pages 20-23).

The second talk should tell of the beginning of Christianity in China (*The Gospel Enters China*) and include "Baptists Enter China" (pages 23-25). The third part of the program may be divided among other women in the society, asking them to tell (not read) the news contained. If this cannot be arranged, a radio may be placed on a table, the leader may turn the dial and some one behind a screen may read some of the items from "Native Leadership" and "Items of Special Interest" through "Chinese at Our Door". Only a few sentences from each of these should be given or the program will be too long and the only thing the women will remember is the length of the program and how tired they were (pages 25-29).

In preparing the program for a society that has studied China again and again, the committee will not need to stress the first part of the material given. This does not mean that the women know the facts contained in those pages! It is amazing how long we can study missions and yet be ignorant of the countries, the people and their history. But members of older societies have had full opportunity to learn and will be more interested in the current facts. War conditions in China are filling newspapers and magazines with pictures and articles on the subject. A study of these made into a talk would be interesting and in line with our mission interests. Peace in China means so much to the Christians there and to the growth of our work. We should try to understand the conditions under which our missionaries are laboring. A well informed and definitely Christian speaker should make this leading talk. (See also page 35.)

Short items from other speakers should follow. "Native Leadership", "W.M. U. Training School in Shanghai", "House Boat Evangelism", "Tent Meetings", "Radio Evangelism" etc. may be given briefly, also a short statement of work among the "Chinese at Our Door". All of these are found in the program material (pages 20-29).

The Program Committee will remember always the importance of the devotions and especially of the prayers. Study enlightens our minds; prayers reach to China. Study prepares us to pray intelligently. Might not the program be closed with the pledge to pray daily for China?



PROGRAM for OCTOBER



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 CHINESE

Hymn—Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide

Bible Study—Guidance in Foreign Missions—Acts 16:6-15; Phil. 1:12-14, 19, 21 (Page 16)

Prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all our missionary work

Hymn—Lead On, O King Eternal

Oldest and Largest

The Religions of the Chinese

Hymn—Send the Light

Baptists Enter China

Prayer thanking God for the achievements of our work in China

Items of Special Interest

Watchword for the Year

Prayer that we may do all we can to win the Chinese in China and in America to Christ



OLDEST and LARGEST

When Abraham was called out from Ur of Chaldees and given the promise that through his seed all the nations of the world should be blessed, there was in existence a nation already a thousand years old with a civilization rivaling that of the Chaldees—a nation even then needing the blessing promised through Abraham's seed. When Jesus stood on the Mount of Ascension commanding His disciples to carry the Gospel to all people that great nation was still in existence, still enjoying the same civilization and still unknowingly waiting for the promised blessing from the God of Abraham. Today, when we understand the missionary significance of

the promise given to Abraham and hear in our hearts the missionary command of our ascended Lord we turn first toward this great nation with its ancient civilization, its ancient woes and its ancient need of a blessing from God.

It is these people—the Chinese—that in the parade of nations are claiming our attention this month. The Chinese can defy the world to equal their nation in two respects—age and population. Without question China is the oldest nation on earth, having had a continuous existence since 3000 B.C. All nations existing today are young compared with China, our own but a thing of yesterday. Other great nations have come upon the world stage, acted their part for a few years or a few centuries, then disappeared, but the Chinese have remained, resisting all forces from without and within, and are playing a more important role in the world's history today than ever before.

In point of numbers, too, China leads the world, with her over four hundred and fifty million people. In fact as the parade of races goes by we see that one-fourth of all the world's inhabitants are Chinese.

As we behold this oldest and largest race we are sure that God included them among the nations to be blessed by Abraham's seed; we are sure that Jesus embraced them in the "whole creation" which was to receive the Gospel through His disciples. And we are sure that we, too, must remember the Chinese and give them a large place in our missionary thinking, praying and giving.

CONSIDER the CHINESE

CONSIDERING the Chinese is both a pleasant and unpleasant experience, for like all nations they are a mixture of virtues and faults—of things to admire and things to lament. Though there are manifold varieties of character and disposition, and though differences in dialect are so great as to make it almost impossible for those from different provinces to understand one another, the inhabitants of China are practically one people. Indeed they are said to be the most homogeneous race of people in the world.

The Chinese are described as being persevering, patient, peaceable and polite. Their dread of giving offense makes them seem to foreigners deceitful often when they are least so. Credulity and sympathy are marked characteristics. In the stolidity with which they undergo torture they resemble the North American Indians. They have remarkable memories, but their reasoning power is not so well developed. They are famed for their industry. It has been aptly said that "Wisdom", when she came from heaven to earth, was lodged in the head of the Greeks, the tongue of the Arabs and the hands of the Chinese. (Stoddard)

The achievements of ancient China prove not only the industry of her people but also their inventive genius. "Hand grain mills and hand looms and hand embroidery, fishing with lines and

nets, buckwheat for food were in use, while cows, sheep, swine, chickens, ducks, geese and dogs were domestic animals a thousand years before Christ. Spinning, weaving, dyeing and the wearing of silk are claimed by the Chinese as belonging to even an earlier date. Fans, metal mirrors and irons, umbrellas, bamboo writing tablets and hair pencils, lamps, candles and chopsticks, all were in use a thousand years before Christ". Among the inventions credited to the Chinese are the printing press, porcelain, gun powder and the mariner's compass.

The greatest building achievement of the Chinese was the Great Wall, built 300 years before Christ and still standing today as a monument to the industry, perseverance and architectural genius of these remarkable people. This wall stretches for a distance of (about) fifteen hundred miles. It is no less than 25 feet high and 40 feet broad, with watch towers at intervals of 300 feet. It has been calculated that if the great wall were constructed at the present time its cost would pay for all the railroads in the United States. The material used in this structure would build a stone wall six feet high and two feet thick around the entire globe. (Stoddard)

Not all the great achievements of the Chinese are in the past. In fact their greatest achievement has been consummated within the last thirty years in throwing off the imperial government of millenniums of existence to become a republic and in building on the ancient civilization, of which they are justly proud, a new civilization in keeping with the modern development of the nations of the world. From being a reclusive nation, self-sufficient and aloof, China has thrown off the cloak of her exclusiveness to take her place among modern nations, eager to keep step with them in progress and attainment. Railroads and radios, automobiles and busses, factories and department stores, newspapers and magazines, universities and hospitals—all have become a part of modern Chinese civilization.

But alas! war, revolution and strife are included among the gifts which modern civilization has brought to the peace-loving Chinese. China has perhaps had more warfare within the last hundred years than in all the millenniums of her previous existence. There can be no birth and growth without pain. The pain of China's new birth and new development has been revolutions from within and wars from without. Even as this program is being written the newspapers carry headlines of strife between China and Japan, and we turn our eyes in that direction wondering what will happen next. Doubtless by the time this program is given, important pages will have been written in the history of China.

So to consider the Chinese is to admire them for their ancient civilization, past achievements and wonderful present development and to believe that they will yet emerge from this period of uncertainty and turmoil to become not only the oldest and largest nation but also one of the greatest in the world.

The RELIGIONS of the CHINESE

STUDENTS of Chinese history say that there is every reason to believe that in ancient times the Chinese knew and worshiped one God and believed that he was a personal being who cared for the affairs of men. Dr. J. R. Saunders, in "The Chinese as They Are", says: "The further we go back in Chinese history the closer it approaches to pure monotheism. . . . In Peking there is the Altar of Heaven, where the emperors have gone and in the open space, with their thoughts heavenward, have worshiped for ages. This beautiful marble altar stands there still with no sign of idolatry—no idols were ever used there".

As the centuries passed by the Chinese drifted away from their belief in one god. It is said that an emperor, who is still spoken of as "a wicked emperor", introduced idols to show his utter unbelief in the one god and in all religions. This happened over a thousand years before Christ or about the time of the birth of Samuel.

Then, in the fifth century before Christ, came a man, Lao-tsze, teaching about Tao—meaning "the truth, the way, the path". The religion which he established became known as Taoism. "Taoism sought to give light on the mysteries and to meet the spiritual needs of the people. Spirit worship, demons, fairies, evil forces in the air and hills and mountains were either created by this cult or found encouragement". (Dr. Saunders)

Also, in the fifth century B.C. lived Confucius, "who did more to influence the Chinese and the orient in the field of ethics than all other forces combined". He was not a teacher of heavenly things but sought only to impart noble ideals for life in this world. He did not intend to teach or to found a new religion, but he is worshiped by many and his code of ethics is accepted as a religion. "More have followed him during the last two thousand years than any other teacher on earth, even Christ not excepted".

In the first century of the Christian era Buddhism came from India to China and soon spread over the whole country. Buddhism was more of a religion than Confucianism or Taoism, with teachings concerning future life, directly connected with the kind of life lived on this earth. It made much of idol worship, especially of the image of Buddha.

So today we find in China the three religious cults: Taoism, Confucianism and Buddhism. These are not exclusive, for one person can believe in all three. In fact, most of the Chinese adhere to some extent to all three. Along with these cults goes ancestor worship, which is the ruling religious passion of the people. They worship at the tombs of their ancestors, and in every heathen home are tablets on which are inscribed the names of deceased relatives and before which religious ceremonies are performed.

In all of these religious beliefs the Chinese find nothing to satisfy the spiritual longings of their souls and are perhaps the neediest people in the world. Ignorance, superstition, poverty and

disease are the fruits of centuries of heathenism, and it is these religions that are standing in the way of the progress of the Chinese today. "Neither China nor Japan nor any other nation, as to that, can continue to hold a leading place in the modern world when the bodies and minds of her people are free but their souls are shackled". (All-dredge)

The GOSPEL ENTERS CHINA

WHEN the early Christian church began its mission work China was, perhaps, even then the most populous nation on earth. We wonder why some of the first missionaries, starting out to win the world to Christ, did not turn toward that great host of people. There is a tradition that the Apostle Thomas did go to China. If he did, he made no lasting impression, and the Chinese hordes were left to wait for centuries the coming of the Gospel.

The first known effort to carry the Gospel to the Chinese was that by the Nestorians, a sect which arose in Constantinople early in the fifth century, renouncing many of the fallacies of the Catholic Church and carrying on extended missionary work. These missionaries entered China in the seventh century and continued their efforts there for nearly two hundred years. So great was their advance in the eighth century that it seemed that Christianity would prevail throughout the land. Then, probably because of persecution and of factions in the home church, the movement rapidly declined and finally disappeared altogether.

Through the middle ages Roman Catholics made several efforts to Christianize China. Various orders of the church sent out missionaries, some of whom achieved great success. One missionary wrote of building in Peking a church having a bell tower, with three bells in it, and that in this church he had "baptized" 6,000 people. Another missionary is said to have "baptized" 20,000. But here, as in Europe, people were "baptized" rather than converted, to their Christianity was not a form that

could last. When the church meddled too much in politics and when too many appeals were made to Rome to suit the Chinese, persecution arose and in 1736 the Catholic religion was officially condemned and outlawed, the priests were massacred and the work practically destroyed.

As we think about these efforts to win China to Christ we find ourselves crying in our hearts: "Why couldn't these missionaries have carried the true Gospel to the Chinese?" *If they had*, true Christianity would have been planted in China centuries earlier. *If they had*, China might have been saved centuries of idol worship, and millions of her people—who have been lost—might have been saved. *If they had*, the history of China for fifteen hundred years would have been a different thing and the wonderful changes, which have come during the past hundred years, might have come centuries earlier. *If they had*, China might have been the greatest Christian land in the world, sending her evangelists to Europe, to America and to the ends of the earth. But it didn't happen that way; her doors, once open to the Gospel, were closed; and her people, once responsive to the Gospel message, settled back into heathenism to await the coming of messengers bringing the true light to drive away the darkness of their woe.

In 1807 the first evangelical messenger came. Robert Morrison—a sturdy Scotch Presbyterian, sent out by the London Missionary Society—entered China as the first protestant missionary to her benighted millions. For 27 years he labored with only one visit home. His greatest work was the translation of the Bible into the Chinese language. He labored under the greatest of difficulties and was in China for seven years before he won his first convert. There were not more than ten Christians in all China at the time of his death (1834).

Morrison was the first of a long line of faithful and devoted missionaries who have given their lives for the redemption of China. Six years after Morrison's arrival Rev. and Mrs. William

Milne were sent out as his helpers. Two years before Morrison's death Peter Parker went out as China's first medical missionary. Christians of every denomination have sent their messengers to this challenging missionary field, and as a result of their work through the years there are today almost a million evangelical Christians in China. That seems a very small per cent—only about one in every 450. But a great start has been made. The Gospel has really entered the life of China. Evidences of its power can be seen in consecrated lives, in influential institutions and in changed conditions throughout the length and breadth of the nation. Recent southern Baptist visitors to China tell of meeting Christians who hold high official positions. Mrs. Sun Yat Sen, the wife of the first president of the Chinese republic, is a devoted member of the Macao Baptist Church. Her distinguished son—Dr. Sun Foo, president of the national legislative Yuan—is also a Christian. Dr. H. H. Kung—a lineal descendant of Confucius, now minister of finance in the national government—is a Christian.

A great testimony to the power of Christianity in China was given in the 1937 kidnaping experience of the Chinese generalissimo, Chiang Kai Shek. This great leader among Chinese showed throughout this experience the finest Christian spirit. During his captivity he called for his Bible, spent most of his period of imprisonment reading it and when released showed Christian forgiveness by using his influence to obtain a light sentence for his kidnaper. We remember that he was won to Christ by his wife, a member of the famous Soong family. The attitude of both General and Mrs. Chiang Kai Shek through the trying kidnaping experience has greatly benefited the cause of Christ in China. Dr. Daniel A. Poling, in a recent editorial in the *Christian Herald*, writes as follows of them: "In these two is the most powerful personal argument ever offered for the missionary enterprise of the Christian church and for the strengthening now, with men and

with money, of all missionary activities in China. Where else in the world can a Christian dollar achieve so much for peace and for social justice, for international good will and for the redemption of life itself than among this mighty people with whom the Chiang Kai Sheks live and serve?"

BAPTISTS ENTER CHINA

IN August 1834 Robert Morrison died. Even then the Baptists of America were turning their attention toward China as a great needy and challenging mission field: one year and one month later the young Virginians, Rev. and Mrs. J. Lewis Shuck, sailed away as America's first missionaries to China. A year later they arrived at Macao and began their work on behalf of China's lost millions. During the Shuck Centennial we told the story of their achievements so often that they hardly need to be reviewed. We know how this consecrated and capable young couple faced bravely all the difficulties of a new mission field and did in nine years a really remarkable piece of work, baptizing the first Baptists to ever be baptized in China—and then many others—organizing the first church of any denomination and establishing the first Christian school for girls in all that vast country. We remember how Mrs. Shuck died and that Mr. Shuck came back to America in 1845 just as the Southern Baptist Convention was being organized and how he was appointed in 1846 as an S.B.C. foreign missionary. He, with Rev. I. J. Roberts, Rev. and Mrs. Clifton and Rev. and Mrs. Pearcy went to China and thus the Southern Baptist Convention's efforts to win that great land to Christ began.

In the hundred years since the Shucks pioneered in China many missionaries—capable, consecrated and courageous—have worked faithfully in the establishment of a strong Baptist work among the Chinese. Last year was made notable by the All-China Baptist Centennial Celebration. The theme of this celebration was "A Century of Christian Conquest in Cathay". The great occa-

sion of the celebration was a meeting held in Canton, October 13-18. Nine hundred visitors from nine provinces attended this meeting. It is estimated that at least fifteen hundred were present in the all-day session on October 14. That session, as described by Rev. A. R. Gallimore, was truly a momentous occasion. Music was furnished by the band of the Pooi Ching Boys' School and the combined choirs of the Baptist churches of Canton. Fraternal messages by cable, telegrams and letters were read from different missions and organizations in China and also from England, Sweden, Australia, Japan and America. The opening address was made by the mayor of the city of Canton. During the day other addresses were made on such subjects as: Evangelism, Christian Education, Medical Missions, Woman's Work, Christian Literature and Work for Young People. All who had given forty years or more to Christian work in China were introduced and made appropriate remarks. Second and third generation missionaries and Chinese workers were presented.

At this meeting the achievements of the past were reviewed with great rejoicing. From the small beginning made by the Shucks, Chinese Baptists have grown to number about seventy thousand. The Shucks started one little church with five members, and now there are 205 southern Baptist churches with a membership of over 41,000. The centennial body rejoiced because we now have 181 schools with fifteen thousand students, 28 hospital buildings treating every year over 150,000 patients, also the central publishing plant sending out annually millions of pages of Christian literature to the Baptists of all China.

The centennial was an occasion not only for looking backward on past achievements but also for planning for greater achievements in the future. Among the plans made by the centennial body, were the following: to promote during the next five years great evangelistic efforts endeavoring to double the membership of the churches; to print and sell in all parts of China a million

Gospels of John; to publish an All-China Baptist History; and to "go forth throughout China preaching the Word".

NATIVE LEADERSHIP

ONE of the most encouraging features of our work in China is the development of a strong Chinese Baptist leadership. Over one-third of our churches are self-supporting. The Interior Mission has adopted as one of its chief aims that at every center now receiving funds from the Foreign Board an annual ten per cent gain in self-support shall be made. Dr. Maddy writing recently of native leadership in south China says: "Under Chinese leadership and made possible by Chinese financial support, there is today a wonderful organization and system of boards, committees, agencies and institutions equal to those found in any land".

In reading the reports from the fields we are struck by the frequent use of Chinese names. Some Chinese leader makes the reports for almost all the churches, schools and hospitals. We read of Mrs. F. Y. O. Ling, Chairman of the All-China Organization of the W.M.U.; of Dr. H. C. E. Liu, President of Shanghai Baptist University; of Mr. Charles Pang, Dean of Ming Jang Academy; of Mr. Chen, Principal of Yates Academy; of Miss Dorothea Wong, Principal of Wei Ling Girls' School; of Dr. S. P. Wong, Superintendent of Leung Kwong Hospital; and of innumerable other Chinese Baptists who are holding positions of responsible leadership. At Pingtu Christian Institute there are eight Chinese and only one missionary on the faculty. The principal of the Graves Theological Seminary in Canton is a great Bible teacher and has been able to enlist a host of people to enroll in Bible classes meeting at the Seminary twice a week.

Miss Willie Kelly writes as follows of Miss Wong En Tsung, a young church worker teaching in a half-day school in a mission of the First Baptist Church of Shanghai: "Miss Wong is a fourth generation Christian, being the great granddaughter of our first Chinese

pastor, Wong Ping San. She has great zeal and initiative though very young and only just through high school. She has a good voice and musical talent, a gift which she inherited from her great-grandfather. Mrs. Rankin is now giving her music lessons. En Tsung's father is a deacon in our church".

The following paragraph about Chinese leadership at Kweilin is inspiring:

"Pastor Liu is the son of one of the first Christians in Kweilin. He was educated in the mission schools and received special training under Rev. C. J. Lowe. Among the women, Mrs. Wei stands out as a great influence. Her heart was first opened to the Gospel by reading some tracts. Some time after her conversion she came to teach in our schools, continuing through the years in devoted service. In the meantime her son was brought up in our schools, was converted and, with the conviction that 'woe is me if I preach not the Gospel', he surrendered his life to the Lord. Now he is one of the preachers who witnesses in the Bible school, in city evangelistic work and throughout the field. These workers and others are interested in self-support, looking forward to the time when they will have a real Chinese Baptist organization for Kwangsi".

With such faithful leaders working side by side with our faithful missionaries, the work in China is sure to go forward, winning more Chinese to Christ and making Christianity more and more influential in Chinese life.

ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

LEADER — Recent reports and letters from missionaries abound with items of special interest about the work in China. To tell them all we would have to give many hours to this program. From these we choose only a few for our information, inspiration and encouragement.

W.M.U. Training School

"The newest piece of work on the Shanghai Baptist Compound is the Woman's Missionary Union Training

School for middle school and college graduates. The purpose of the Training School is to train God-called young women for efficient service in our churches, mission schools, associations and other phases of denominational work. It is the earnest endeavor of those in charge to arrange the courses of theoretical and practical training so as to develop students along all lines for the highest possible service. In September, 1936, there were five full-time students. Two of these were graduated in June, 1937—our first graduates. Positions for these two girls were already waiting. Many calls for workers have already come to the Training School. The need in China for workers such as the Training School is endeavoring to train is very great". (Miss Ora Lee)

House-Boat Evangelism

When Dr. Maddry visited China he saw that a house-boat would be of great advantage to the work of Rev. and Mrs. P. W. Hamlett on the Wusih Field. He promised them this boat. Last year the money was raised and the boat was built. The Hamletts can live on this boat and go out and stay from ten days to two weeks at a town—holding meetings, Bible schools etc. From this town they can go to neighboring villages as long as their strength permits. Though the boat is still new, several trips like this have been made, many country places visited and many new people reached with the Gospel. The boat has been given the beautiful and appropriate name, "Evangel".

Tent Meetings

The North China Mission reports splendid evangelistic work done through tent meetings. One Gospel Tent visited twenty-one villages and towns during the year, staying a week or two at each place, preaching to hundreds and daily distributing Gospel tracts and portions. Another tent was located in five different centers during the summer, and the workers visited fifty villages out from the tent during those weeks. People were so anxious to hear they would come from places many miles distant.

Radio Evangelism

We wonder what the Shucks would think if they knew of the radio work established by Missionary C. J. Lowe. Surely they would think that we were living in a day of miracles and indeed we are! Dr. Lowe reports work as follows: "The radio work (or evangelism) extends throughout China, Korea, Japan, New Zealand and Australia. There are sixteen periods a day when the Christian message is given out over the air. In fact, the station is given up altogether to this work of making Christ known. It is supported by free-will offerings and by promoters who are Chinese Christian laymen, among whom are many of our Baptist brethren. A bulletin of 20,000 per issue is sent to officials and prominent people. Some of our guest speakers have been Dr. George W. Truett, Miss Inabelle G. Coleman, Mr. Frank Leavell, Rev. W. H. Barton of Nashville, Dr. John R. Sampey, Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke of London, Dr. M. T. Andrews and others — prominent laymen, preachers and missionaries from all over the world. One family of six has recently joined one of the churches in Shanghai, another family of three has also joined the church, and many individuals thus have heard the glad news for the first time and confessed Jesus as Lord. One man has received over 10,000 letters, most of them inquiring about the Christian message. Tracts, Bibles and Pilgrim's Progress have been sent out broadcast by request. The writer has sent out over 6,000 letters since June. With over 1,000,000 radio-receiving sets in China, with 200,000 in Shanghai alone, the opportunity is marvelous. One missionary had money sent from Canada for radios and placed twenty-one sets in the province of Honan. This is indeed a marvelous challenge to the Christian community to supply 5,000 or more radios for constructive missionary work, which will help to develop self-supporting churches".

A Hospital Re-opens

On May 5, 1936, the Chengchow Baptist Hospital, which had been closed for

ten years, was re-opened. "The ceremony on the day of the formal opening was most helpful in its influence. Many of the local officials and gentry were present, as well as the leaders of all the Chengchow churches and the substantial business men of Chengchow. Miss Inabelle Coleman delivered the chief address". During the rest of 1936 about 500 patients were treated in the hospital.

"The hospital employs one evangelist and two Bible women who give their entire time to religious work in the institution. Every patient in the wards hears the Gospel, and there is preaching every day in the waiting room of the clinic. There have been many professions of faith among the patients as they have heard the messages".

The greatest need now is for a worthy hospital building. The work now is being carried on in three buildings, two of them being old residences and none of them being well suited for hospital work.

"A Little Child Shall Lead"

The following story, told in a recent letter from Miss Josephine Ward, illustrates the evangelistic power of our schools, not only in saving the students but also in reaching their families:

"Our spring revival was held in April. The students were brought close to the Lord, and a few village people were saved. The mother of one of our eleven-year-old school girls had a bright conversion. She said the daughter would cry because her family were all lost and could not go to Heaven with her. The father, who has been an invalid for four years, formerly drew a good salary from the railroad. This poor mother, not able adequately to supply the wants of her children, had planned time and again to jump into the well, but she said that each time this daughter had persuaded her not to do so. The child would tell her mother that she would grow up and become a teacher and put the little brothers through school and support the family. In China a family never expects to receive any financial help from a

daughter, for she is to marry and be lost to their family. There is joy in the presence of the angels over one sinner that repenteth, but I wonder if there can be any more of joy than shone in the eyes of this child the day her mother gave her heart to the Lord and cleared the house of idols and ancestral tablets. The father is reading about ten chapters in the Bible every day, and we long to see him come into the light".

The CHINESE at OUR DOOR

NOT all Chinese are in China—there are many at our door. Every southern state has its quota of Chinese population. The 1930 census totals the Chinese population of southern states at 8,741. It is estimated that there are now 2,000 Chinese in the delta section of Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana. There are close to a thousand living in Texas and over a thousand in Arizona, with smaller groups scattered through the other states. Surely southern Baptists have an obligation not only to the Chinese in China but to those at our door.

For many years our Home Board has conducted work among the Chinese of San Antonio, Texas, where live perhaps five hundred Chinese. Miss Ollie Lewalyn is our faithful missionary to these who without her ministry would be little touched by the Gospel. We have there a Chinese Baptist church with 53 members and an attendance of 70 in Sunday school. An English class of 18 is taught in the evenings.

About a year and a half ago our Home Board opened up a new work for Chinese in the Mississippi Delta. It was in 1935 that the Baptists of that section appealed to the Home Board for help in the work which they were doing among the Chinese. Already they had established two Chinese missions in Mississippi, one in Greenville and one in Cleveland. A few days after they requested the Home Board to send them a missionary, money came designated for the support of such a missionary. So the Board was convinced that God was leading in this movement. Then came the problem of finding the suitable Chinese missionary. After much searching, Rev.

Shau Yan Lee—a Chinese preacher, on the west coast—was highly recommended. The Board tried to contact Mr. Lee, but it was a difficult task because he was employed in work that took him from place to place. However, on March 5, 1936, a Chinese gentleman walked into the Home Board office, saying, "I am Mr. Shau Yan Lee". At once he was employed and was sent that very afternoon to begin his missionary work in the Mississippi Delta.

Mr. Lee has found a real educational problem among the Chinese of the delta. In most sections the children are not allowed to attend school with the white children. In Greenville there is a mission school taking care of Chinese children for the first eight grades, but there has been no high school for them. The Chinese parents have been eager for their children to have better educational advantages. So the first anniversary of the coming of the new missionary was celebrated on March 7 in Greenville with the beginning of a project to start a Baptist school for Chinese children.

The Home Mission Board maintains work for the Chinese in only these three places—Greenville, Cleveland, San Antonio—but splendid work among the Chinese has been done for many years by Baptist churches in Norfolk and Baltimore. Many who study this program have Chinese neighbors. Are you doing anything for them? Are you sending missionaries to China and then failing to be missionaries to the Chinese at your door? A Chinese grocer in a certain city sold groceries for twenty years to Christians, not one of whom ever invited him to attend church. Is that the missionary—the Christian—spirit? In a certain southern town Chinese children from a Christian home went to a certain Sunday school. The next day a group of men from that church called on the Chinese father and informed him that Chinese children could not come to that Sunday school. This was not a Baptist church, we are glad to say, but it might have been!

When the pageant was given in Richmond, Virginia, celebrating the centen-

nial of the going of the Shucks to China, a group of Chinese children from Christian homes took part in the Chinese scenes. What a beautiful picture was that—the Christian Chinese in the home state of the Shucks, picturing what the Shucks had done for their people in

China a hundred years before. In that picture is a challenge for you and me to carry the Chinese in our hearts, as did J. Lewis and Henrietta Hall Shuck, and to do our utmost to win them to Christ whether they live in China or in America.

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Discuss the age of the Chinese nation.
2. Discuss the size of the Chinese nation.
3. Tell something of the ancient civilization of the Chinese.
4. Tell something of the present achievements of the Chinese.
5. Discuss the religions of the Chinese.
6. Tell of early Christian efforts among the Chinese.
7. Tell something of the work of Robert Morrison.
8. When did American Baptists first enter China?
9. Tell something of the Shuck Centennial Celebration in China.
10. Name some Chinese Baptist leaders.
11. How many Chinese in Southern Baptist Convention territory?
12. Tell something of our Home Board work among the Chinese.
13. What is our duty to our Chinese neighbors?
14. Which is more important—to win Chinese in China or Chinese in America?

REFERENCE MATERIAL

World Comrades	—The Window of Y.W.A.
Home and Foreign Fields	—State Denominational Paper
Reports of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards	
The Course of Christian Missions	Dr. W. O. Carver
Girdling the Globe for God	Dr. M. E. Dodd
The Chinese as They Are	Dr. J. R. Saunders
Follow Me	Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence

PERSONAL SERVICE (Concluded from Page 6)

which tells how to organize Friends of Israel groups and explains the scope of their work. Subscriptions to the "Mediator" may also be sent to Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus, 315 Red Rock Building, Atlanta, Ga.

Let our Jewish friends call us to arms for immediate action!—Mrs. Eureka Whitaker

TRAINING SCHOOL (Concluded from Page 12)

under its influence that they will go out with alert minds, eager for truth wherever it can be found; ready hands, willing to render service wherever doors open; earnest hearts, attuned for communion with the Father through Jesus Christ. Windows into space! Doors leading into all the world!—Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn

CIRCLE PLANS (Concluded from Page 17)

points that the author thinks Christians should follow in winning the Moslem world. Some of the points will be seen to be out of line with southern Baptist policies, however. Give plenty of time to this chapter, keeping alive, as does the author, the consciousness of a living God at work in the world. Pray that Christians may have enough love, faith, sympathy and understanding to win the Moslem trust, so that our risen and living Lord may find His own way into the hearts of the Moslem people—whether it be according to western standards or according to their own standard of life—that His will may be done

W.M.U. MONTHLY MISSIONARY TOPICS for CALENDAR YEAR of 1938

MISSIONARY TOPICS THEME: "Sheaves—with Rejoicing"—Psa. 126:6
(Note: Each month the general plan will follow an outline similar to that set forth in detail for January.)

JANUARY

Southern Baptists: "Sheaves—with Rejoicing"

1. Fifty Years Ago

Early cooperative efforts in missions and methods of collecting missionary gifts. Enlarging vision and growth in cooperation. Woman's part in early missions

2. Today—Southern Baptists Cooperating

Origin of Cooperative Program, its scope, efficiency and fellowship. W.M.U. an auxiliary from beginning of Cooperative Program. Faithful allies of Cooperative Program: Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, Annie W. Armstrong Offering, State Mission Offerings

3. Outlook Tomorrow

Fields of opportunity and our responsibility. Debt a hindrance. Baptist Hundred Thousand Club. "The tithe is holy unto Jehovah".

4. "Reaping in Joy"

—Outstanding personality

FEBRUARY

The Homeland: "Sheaves—with Rejoicing"

MARCH

Europe: "Sheaves—with Rejoicing"

APRIL

Africa: "Sheaves—with Rejoicing"

MAY

Japan: "Sheaves—with Rejoicing"

JUNE

Brazil: "Sheaves—with Rejoicing"

JULY

La Plata Countries and Chile: "Sheaves—with Rejoicing"

AUGUST

Mexico and Cuba: "Sheaves—with Rejoicing"

SEPTEMBER

The States: "Sheaves—with Rejoicing"

OCTOBER

The Near East: "Sheaves—with Rejoicing"

NOVEMBER

China: "Sheaves—with Rejoicing"

DECEMBER

All Nations: "Sheaves—with Rejoicing"—Rev. 7:9

W.M.U. BIBLE STUDY TOPICS for CALENDAR YEAR of 1938

THEME for YEAR: Personality and Religion

Jan.—David's Great Offering for the Temple—1 Chron. 29:1-14

Feb.—Abraham as an Example—Gen. 12:1-9; 18:17-19

March—Spiritual Sympathy—11 Sam. 6:12-16; 1 Sam. 1:21-2:1

April—Two Ways in Temptation—Matt. 4:1-10; 26:31-35, 40, 41

May—Secret Faults—Psa. 19:1-2, 7-14

June—Not to Judge, but to Save—Matt. 7:1, 2; John 5:22, 24, 28, 29; 8:15; 12:46-48

July—Self-Pity vs. Humility—1 Sam. 10:17, 20-24; 22:7-10

Aug.—Jesus and Forgiveness—Matt. 18:21-35

Sept.—A Harvest Song—Psa. 65

Oct.—"Any Root of Bitterness"—Heb. 12:1-3, 14, 15; Eph. 4:31

Nov.—The Sin of Not Praying—Psa. 99; 1 Sam. 12:19-23

Dec.—The Star of David—Isa. 9:2-6; Mark 12:28-34



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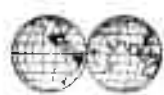


OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



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

OCTOBER'S VARIETY



Varied and inviting as the trees with their bright fall colors are the activities awaiting young people in missionary education this autumn. October introduces the last quarter's work. Young people's directors and counselors of W.M.U. young people's organizations should enter into careful conference so that no phase of the work will be slighted. With the settled routine of school life resumed, regular weekly meetings should be held at the best time of the week. In the summer changes could be made from afternoon to morning or to all day, but now the definite time should be kept. Do not begin shifting for this basket ball game or that; find the time best suited to all and hold to it. Why not talk with the school principal so that extra school or class meetings need not be placed in conflict with your auxiliary meetings?

Did you follow the "Plans for Education of Young People in Stewardship of Possessions" so that your young people, being tithers, are becoming faithful stewards? Your gifts through Cooperative Program will be larger than ever if this stewardship teaching was well done.

There are many possibilities for new members now. There is much personal service needing to be done in your community. Do you have the leaflet, *Personal Service for Young People Not a "P. S."?* It can be secured free from your state W.M.U. headquarters. Advise with W.M.S. personal service chairman about worthy community projects into which the young people may enter, bearing witness to the power of Christ's Spirit in the world today.

Many young people attended missionary education camps—state, district or associational. What did they learn about the mission program in general, about missionary education in definite methods? Give ample time to those who went to tell about what they experienced and learned, and then let them put into practice the better activity plans with which they became acquainted at these meetings. Herein is their real value, not merely in remembered good times.

The series of books on Palestine is proving a blessing to all. Have you had a fall mission study class using the one fitted to the age of your group? The Palestinian situation is one of grave interest and our small mission activity should be clearly known to all our young people. This study of modern Palestine will add to the understanding of Biblical geography and Bible teachings also.

Not only Palestine is vitally important in the world's life today but the programs of September and October will be most important regarding Japan and China. As the magazines containing program material must go to press long in advance in order to reach our constituency with adequate time for preparation, the latest information regarding developments of war or peace must be secured from newspapers and weekly news magazines. Do not fail to add to the material in *World Comrades* and *The Window of Y.W.A.*, bringing these discussions up-to-date.

As the conditions of the world grow increasingly complex and tangled we see more clearly the need of the acceptance of Christ's message as the only way of life. Let us more than common be alert in our fascinating field of missionary education.



COLLEGE Y. W. A.



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THIS FALL at COLLEGE



Colleges are still opening and getting started on full swinging schedule. Into that schedule it is imperative that we put missionary education through the Ann Hasseltine Y.W.A. Similarly, new young women are entering the training school departments of hospitals and need the vision which the Grace McBride Y.W.A. gives. Every W.M.S. in a college or university town and every W.M.S. near a hospital have a particular and special responsibility toward the young women of such nearby institutions.

A carefully prepared "Guide for Officers of Ann Hasseltine Y.W.A." is ready for distribution through state W.M.U. headquarters. If your college has not had an Ann Hasseltine Y.W.A. or has not fostered it as it should, write to your state W.M.U. young people's leader for the guide and for explanatory letters addressed to counselor and president; lift your work with students in college or hospital, the best it can possibly be.

We are especially eager for all these young women to enter into the Golden Jubilee plans with full accord and increasing interest in the part women can have in missions. In many states the State Mission Season of Prayer was held before the college opened or Y.W.A. was really functioning. In such cases direct the Y.W.A. to catch up the Program on Self-Searching and Prayer. This was published in the September number of *The Window of Y.W.A.*, with the possibility of securing additional copies for individuals not subscribing, on request of state W.M.U. headquarters; to use these meditative spiritually-developing selections will surely begin the college year on a high plane. This is greatly needed by our student groups.

With all the areas of learning which open up during college days or the months of hospital training, the basic principles of religion must be cherished, minds advancing in true wisdom as in specific branches of learning. The complicated conditions of international affairs demand new comprehension of Christ's ultimate victory in the world, so that missions becomes the most fascinating of subjects today. Do not let it be left out or be too crowded in the campus life near your church.

Properly to develop adequate missionary interest see that all young women subscribe to *The Window of Y.W.A.* For the school term the subscription rate is only 75c. The W.M.S. literature chairman may seek the college daughter's subscription from the mother so that *The Window of Y.W.A.* may go as her monthly mission gift to the away-from-home daughter. Point out that mother and daughter will be praying together for the same missionaries or workers as each day comes and goes. Point out that their program discussions will be along the same lines so that they may exchange bits of information in letters or in clippings. This will add zest of interest to their missionary information and will help both generations to see that each has a contribution to make in Christ's program. Perhaps never has the need for accurate understanding of God's world plan been so clamorous as now. Let us answer by enlisting the young people in our institutions of learning in missionary education.



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.

Tepee Trails — G. Lee Phelps;
Home Mission Board, S.B.C., At-
lanta; 1937; Pages 126; Price 35c

There is something almost primitive in the stark simplicity and directness of this source book of story material and effective illustration gleaned by the author from thirty-five years of service as a missionary to the Indians. For this is not a coherent, unified book. It is, rather, a series of snapshots, so to speak, arranged in chronological order, portraying the author's experiences. Its brief paragraphs are made up of short, simple, declarative sentences, with never a word to spare. All too frequently they lack continuity and the smoothness of a well-rounded whole. Yet, skeletal as they are, they have that inescapable strength and power which always lie in true stories of real life, honestly told.

GOLDEN JUBILEE (Concluded from Page 5)

promise that we shall see results; He does promise there shall be results.

Golden Jubilee plans are large in their possibilities. Their ultimate fail-

Beginning with his start in life as the ninth of what came to be a family of fifteen children in a log cabin in Missouri, the author tells only two incidents of his childhood and hurries on to three others of his youth—one of which describes his first contact with an Indian and another his well-nigh miraculous escape from an Indian massacre. Thus in the first five pages, there are five good stories and that pace is maintained throughout the book! For the life of G. Lee Phelps has been an adventurous one—full of hardships, to be sure, but vigorous and interesting and not without the saving grace of humor. His book is one that children, especially juniors, will enjoy; that their leaders will find exceedingly profitable; that will give adult readers a much better understanding of Indian problems of today as well as of other days.

ure or success rests upon the seriousness with which each individual assumes her personal responsibility for their execution.

WHAT has become of those 29 Self-Searching Questions that were given to the members of your missionary society during the Jubilee prayer hour which was a part of the Season of Prayer for State Missions? They were much too valuable, too conducive to each individual's spiritual growth to lose. There may have been many women who did not attend the State Mission Season of Prayer meeting. Each circle leader in every missionary society has the opportunity of helping the women of her circle deepen their spiritual life through the use of these self-searching questions. The September issue of ROYAL SERVICE carried the questions and there were many prints in leaflet form sent from state W.M.U. headquarters. They carry their own explanation as to their use. Explain their value and urge each woman to use this splendid opportunity which Mrs. W. C. James has given us for our spiritual development. A wide prayerful use of them would result in a spiritual awakening that would be felt throughout the southern Baptist territory.—Mrs. George McWilliams



CURRENT MISSIONARY EVENTS



Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

In November 1936 Mrs. Julian T. Thomas who for 30 years served both the W.M.U. of Virginia and the W.M.U. of the Southern Baptist Convention, of which time she was for 15 years corresponding secretary of Virginia W.M.U. and vice president of the southern W.M.U., was called to her Heavenly Home. Desiring greatly to erect some worthy monument to this beloved woman the Virginia W.M.U. has decided to build a social center in connection with Shanghai University in Shanghai, China. Money (\$5,000) was given by the Virginia women in the 1936 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to purchase land on which to build the center. The university faculty, counseling with Rev. and Mrs. Hurdley Wiley and the Virginia W.M.U., hope to establish a Christian village service center to meet the physical, economic, educational and religious needs of the community, at the same time serving as a laboratory for the university students. It is to be known as "The Thomas Memorial Christian Service Center".

According to the *Chinese Christian Student* there are 1733 Chinese students enrolled in the schools of the United States. Of these 1381 are men and 352 women.

We are all wondering just how present conditions in China are affecting the relations of Chinese and Japanese Christians. According to Frank Rawlinson in the *Christian Century* they are trying to draw closer together and so create a better mutual understanding and are hoping for a better solution to affairs between the countries than now seems possible. Five representatives of the National Christian Council of Japan recently attended a meeting of the National Christian Council of China, after which they met to discuss the most difficult aspects of the situation. Chinese

representatives of the Y.M.C.A. student work have been most cordially welcomed in Japan where they found that the Japanese students did not seem to be in favor of Japanese military activities in China.

Miss Bonnie Jean Ray of our own mission in Pingtu, China, in a letter written some months ago called attention to a new and interesting phase of their north China work. It is work among prisoners. She tells us that over 200 prisoners hear the Gospel every Sunday and Thursday afternoons and she pleads that we pray for this work. When she wrote, one woman, to whom she had sought to give the Light, had been executed for kidnaping while a number of men were in the "death room". Nearly all the women have accepted Christ.

A well-to-do young Chinese couple, so wealthy that they did not know what else to seek in life, decided to commit suicide together. They hired a room in one of the large new hotels in Shanghai and turned on the radio to drown the noise of their suicide. A Gospel appeal happened to ring forth, and both were soundly converted.—*Missionary Review of the World*

Madam Chiang Kai Shek, writing a friend to express her own and the generalissimo's deep appreciation of the great sacrifices made by the missionaries "who have elected to serve China", pleads for their cooperation in the *New Life Movement* of China which she says coincides so closely with the work which the churches are doing. She also urges that the missionaries, especially women, strive to do more home work among Chinese women "because", she says, "the old concepts of womanly behavior are languishing and there has been a tendency for a distorted view of western ideas of what is seeming and proper".

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Ariz.	74.50	21.00	14.54	3.09	7.52	182.59	16.75	1.17	322.06
Ark.	509.00	3,166.51	3,032.42	102.14	531.32	6,041.49	681.29	15.46	14,169.63
D. C.	12.00	428.15	16.17	456.32
Fla.	2,465.28	3,229.73	3,129.56	398.03	2,083.89	5,128.38	124.98	63.13	37.50	81.35	16,741.83
Ga.	3,449.79	1,260.39	2,645.66	10.10	67.91	30,676.58	891.73	62.19	12.75	39,077.10
Ill.	112.15	5.31	11.00	128.46
Ky.	1,739.32	7,175.71	6,611.08	813.40	4,101.66	9,563.47	1,381.00	77.33	332.19	554.23	32,349.39
La.	1,473.42	1,025.57	478.58	143.58	1,208.43	11,721.20	29.19	2.00	16,081.97
Md.	130.81	955.20	475.98	122.44	244.88	1,904.42	23.40	3,857.13
Miss.	864.73	1,159.14	5,122.24	141.38	1,835.20	4,779.33	505.00	39.26	2.00	14,448.28
Mo.	1,510.25	2,036.52	4,256.34	232.47	1,408.04	3,966.07	519.00	42.25	13,970.94
N. M.	327.94	107.00	800.65	25.00	1.92	14.00	1,276.51
N. C.	2,353.92	12,669.32	4,262.50	1,010.70	17,975.93	11,538.04	126.02	49,936.43
Okla.	1,346.00	2,196.61	2,869.79	241.00	9,381.40	4,429.05	375.00	20,838.85
S. C.	420.70	6,852.06	6,854.80	937.76	7,244.65	11,768.81	500.00	110.63	34,689.41
Tenn.	3,460.38	6,511.60	3,611.88	871.64	6,645.87	9,907.98	119.05	600.00	2.00	31,730.40
Tex.	3,973.97	8,516.87	4,920.65	5,611.29	16,933.52	47,038.16	800.00	112.00	2.00	87,908.46
Va.	946.48	11,778.70	8,255.28	1,474.33	14,199.51	17,799.59	1,000.00	192.50	55,646.39
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