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EDITORIAL

"RING OUT the OLD, RING in the NEW"

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



The year 1937 is nearing its close. Soon its records will be written. Great importance attaches to their completion. They are the capstones in the foundation we are laying for the Golden Jubilee celebration of 1938. We have written and talked much of preparation; we have emphasized the necessity of spiritual growth for each individual life. In these closing weeks we must each of us do our utmost to redeem the time; we must personally seek to prepare our own hearts and minds that we may become fit instruments for the working out of spiritual forces; we must lead our organizations to similar adequate preparation.

The prayer season for foreign missions offers an opportunity unmeasured for emphasis upon this vital factor in our plans. It is recognized that there is no greater force for personal spiritual development, for society inspiration than the Weeks of Prayer. This year so much depends upon the fervency of our prayer, upon the generosity of our giving that we are doubly enjoined to a worthy observance of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. Fostering responsibility will be rightly recognized in helping the auxiliaries and their counselors to an adequate observance of the prayer season and to worthy and sacrificial giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, on which so much of the work promoted by the Foreign Mission Board is utterly dependent.

Debt-paying memberships in the Hundred Thousand Club, for southwide causes and for such projects within the states as are state approved, will be receiving the attention that a final round-up demands. Societies and auxiliaries should be led to take memberships or to contribute as largely as possible to swell the total receipts. Extreme care should be used to report fully all such payments. Experience has taught us that ultimate victory rests on proper reporting after the best work possible has been done to enlist givers. Work faithfully and pray earnestly that success may crown this initial effort of the preparation for the Golden Jubilee.

Finally, the Golden Jubilee organizational set-up, choice of those who are to serve in each organization, society and auxiliary, in districts or such units as the states have indicated are, we sincerely hope, completed and equipped for service. Only thus can the relationship between local chairmen and those in associations or districts (*divisions*) be established. Through these channels information and enthusiasm will flow. A dynamo may generate great electrical power but that energy is useless without the medium through which the power may flow. Light and heat and the vast mechanical uses of electrical energy are dependent upon the proper "hook-up" with the dynamo. Let no organization miss the quickening appeal of Golden Jubilee plans through failure to provide the medium through which inspiration may come.

The year 1937 is nearing its close. Golden days bright with promise are before us. We would finish worthily the tasks of the closing year that we may be ready for the golden opportunities of the new year, the year of Golden Jubilee of this missionary organization. Shall we enter upon it strengthened and fortified by the words we have this year hidden in our hearts, by their promise proven—"Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit?"

OUR GOLDEN JUBILEE

Southwide Jubilee Chairman: Mrs. George McWilliams, Missouri

A MESSAGE from the GOLDEN JUBILEE COMMITTEE:

LOOKING BACK and OUT—LOOKING IN and UP



Today we stand, as it were, upon the threshold of our Golden Jubilee year. When we LOOK BACK upon the small beginnings of fifty years ago and down through the years to this present day and see what has been accomplished in those years, we can truly sing: "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!" and we would rejoice to stay on the mountain top praising God just as Peter would have remained on the Mount of Transfiguration when he saw the glory of God manifested.

But when we LOOK OUT upon the world and see the sin, the sorrow, the suffering and the strife—which seems to be the mighty power of evil—and when we think what a colossal task faces Christendom and the tremendous responsibility of each follower of Christ, we stand perhaps with reluctant feet and with fearful hearts. But two great facts among many others should give us courage and make us eager to press on toward the goal. First, we are "laborers together with God". Second, He who said, "Go!" also said, "All power is given unto Me in Heaven and on earth!" and "Lo, I am with you even unto the end of the world!" Discipleship was never easy nor indeed will it ever be but, as Phillips Brooks suggested, we should "not pray for tasks equal to our powers but for powers equal to our tasks" if we would be worthy of Christ and the task entrusted to us.

In our "Self-Searching Program" we have endeavored to LOOK IN upon our hearts that in a study of God's Word and in prayer we might clear the channels of our lives that the love and the power of God might flow through us to bless others. Any of our members, who may not yet have sought to examine themselves to prove their own faith and work but who would do so, will find the "Self-Searching Questions" truly helpful. For those of us who have used them, it might be well to keep them and from time to time measure our growth by them.

It was after ten days of solemn and penitent waiting before the Lord, culminating in the Day of Atonement after the people had "afflicted their souls", that the "gladly solemn sound" of the trumpet was heard throughout the land, proclaiming the Year of Jubilee. In the program (*pages 41-42 of the W.M.S. folder of the December Week of Prayer*) we have sought to bring home to our hearts the message of the trumpets interpreted in the light of Christ's Gospel and of the need to LOOK UP to the source of all power if we would make the past a success and if in the years that lie ahead we would come with "rejoicing, bringing our sheaves with us!"

TO SOCIETY PRESIDENT and PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

ON pages 33-34 of this issue of *Royal Service* and on pages 41-42 of the W.M.S. folder of the December Week of Prayer you will find respectively the "Continuing in Prayer Cards" and the Golden Jubilee Preparation Program to be used during that week, preferably on the Day of Prayer around the World. On page 7 of the week's folder are details concerning the program and

the "Continuing in Prayer Cards". We would add one suggestion to those found there: if two or more members in a home have only one copy of this issue of *Royal Service*, see that each person has a prayer card of her own.

Some suggestions follow concerning the development of the program itself:

1—If possible do not cut it, because that may destroy the continuity and impair its effectiveness. Plan the time so that there will be no sense of haste and so that in quietness and calm the Spirit of God may find His way into receptive hearts and may press home the message of the hour.

2—Note that the first hymn is the stately old hymn written by Charles Wesley. Words and music can be found in the "Baptist Hymnal" and also in the "New Baptist Hymnal". Use this hymn if possible.

3—In the body (page 2) of the leaflet, "The Voice of Authority, of Power and of Promise", will be found the suggestion that Exodus 19:4-8, 16-19 be read at that point. If omitted, the rest of the leaflet will have lost some of its meaning.

4—"God Calling Yet" is more worshipful if sung to the same tune as "Just as I Am".

5—If possible do not fail to have the two stanzas of "I Hear the Savior Say" sung as suggested in the leaflet, "Memorials before Your God".

6—Do not distribute the "Continuing in Prayer Cards" until the time suggested on the program. After they have been distributed, call attention to the design at the top, the Scripture inscribed thereon and the passage below. Those two passages set forth the whole purpose of our preparation program plans. Call attention to the foreword on the card, in which you will find our watchword as adopted many years ago and the one for 1938. Urge your members to keep these cards in their Bibles with the Calendar of Prayer and use them daily. Note that the petitions on the card are arranged for the days of the month: as, for example, the prayer suggestion 25 is for Christmas Day.

—MRS. W. C. JAMES, Golden Jubilee Committee Member



Light two candles, please: one, for the largest possible contribution from each W.M.U. organization in your church to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering; the other, for the most prompt and careful forwarding of the offering. Please see that every one who handles the offering marks it clearly: Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions.

STANDARD REPORTING

TURN, please, to pages 29-32 of 1937 Year Book to make sure that your reporting is "up to the standard"! If any of the directions are not perfectly clear, write promptly to your state W.M.U. headquarters. Even now there may be time for your society to reach the Standard of Excellence. Certainly also you will desire that its record be accurately reported.



PROGRAM for WEEK of PRAYER

Program for MONDAY—November 29, 1937

SUBJECT—"LOOKING unto JESUS" in SOUTH AMERICA

SILENT MEDITATION on Week's Theme: "Looking unto Jesus"—Heb. 12:2

HYMN: "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

SCRIPTURE LESSON: "Looking unto Jesus" Enduring the Cross—(1) Our Redeemer: Heb. 12:2; Isa. 53:5, 6; (2) The World's Redeemer: Heb. 2:9; (3) The World's Only Hope: Isa. 45:22

QUOTATION from "Victorious Living" by E. Stanley Jones:

"As I walked up the aisle of the cathedral in Copenhagen to see the wonderful statue, Thorwaldsen's 'Christ', I was almost overcome with awe as I saw the Figure with the soft light upon it dominating the whole cathedral. But as I walked along a Danish friend whispered: 'You will not be able to see His face unless you kneel at His feet'. It was true, for He was standing with outstretched arms looking at those at His feet. So I knelt at His feet and, lo, His face was looking into mine. You cannot really see Christ till you bend the knee to Him, till you surrender to Him. Those who stand afar off surveying Him never really see His face. So bend the knee. Be conquered by Him!"

SOLO: "We Would See Jesus" (See music on page 43 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

SILENT PRAYER

TALK (by President): Explanation of Week's Plans, Theme, Goal etc. (See pages 2-8 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

READING of APPEAL from Foreign Mission Board (See "Appeal" on page 10 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

PRAYER for Dr. Maddy, Foreign Mission Board and Mission Fields

HYMN: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

TALK: Olhando para Jesus (See article by that title on page 11 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

TALK: Sowing the Gospel Seed (See article by that title on page 11 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

STORY: D. Carlota de Moraes, a Soul Winner (See story on page 12 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

SEASON of PRAYER for Brazil —HYMN: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

STORY: Clementina—a Shining Life (See story on page 13 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

TALK: Our Baptist Churches of the River Plate (See article by that title on page 13 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

TALK: Laborers Few in Many Parts of Argentina (See article by that title on page 14 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

STORY: Elisa, Handmaiden of the Lord (See story on page 15 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

SEASON of PRAYER for Uruguay and Argentina

SOLO: "Keep Your Eyes upon Jesus"

TALK: Chile—a Southern Baptist Mission Field (See article by that title on page 16 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

STORY: Out of the Box (See story on page 11 of week's W.M.S. folder.)
SEASON of PRAYER for Chile and for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
INGATHERING of Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
ANNOUNCEMENTS as to Week's Program
HYMN (as Benediction): "Christ for the World We Sing"

Program for TUESDAY—November 30

SUBJECT—"LOOKING unto JESUS" in MEXICO, NIGERIA and JAPAN

HYMN: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"
SILENT MEDITATION on Week's Theme: "Looking unto Jesus"—"You will not be able to see His face unless you kneel at His feet".
SOLO: "We Would See Jesus" (See music on page 43 of week's W.M.S. folder.)
SCRIPTURE LESSON: "Looking unto Jesus"—(1) The Author of Our Faith: Heb. 12:2; Ephes. 2:8; John 1:12, 13; (2) The Finisher of Our Faith: Phil. 1:6; (3) Salvation for All through Faith: Rom. 10:8-13
PRAYER for Victorious Faith
TALK: Mission Work on the South Mexico Field (See article by that title on page 18 of week's W.M.S. folder.)
STORY: One of Mexico's Christians (See story on page 19 of week's W.M.S. folder.)
SEASON of PRAYER for Mexico —**HYMN:** "My Hope Is Built"
TALK: The Call of Nigeria (See article by that title on page 20 of week's W.M.S. folder.)
TALK: Nigerian Home Missionaries (See article by that title on page 20 of week's W.M.S. folder.)
STORY: My Christmas Present (See story on page 20 of week's W.M.S. folder.)
SEASON of PRAYER for Nigeria —**HYMN:** "Christ for the World We Sing"
TALK: Japan's Urgent Need of Christ Today (See article by that title on page 21 of week's W.M.S. folder.)
STORY: Yuki Saga (See story on page 22 of week's W.M.S. folder.)
SEASON of PRAYER for Japan —**ANNOUNCEMENTS** as to Week's Program
PRAYER for Observance of "Day of Prayer around the World" and for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
INGATHERING of Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
HYMN (as Benediction): "He Leadeth Me"

Program for WEDNESDAY—December 1

SUBJECT—"LOOKING unto JESUS" in NORTH MANCHUKUO and CHINA

HYMN—"Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross"
SCRIPTURE LESSON: "Looking unto Jesus"—(1) Despising the Shame: Heb. 12:2; (2) In Lowly Service for Others: John 13:4, 5, 14, 15; (3) A Sacrificial Life: I Pet. 2:21; Mark 8:34, 35; (4) Growing Like Jesus: II Cor. 3:18; (5) Our Example: Phil. 2:3-8
SILENT MEDITATION on Week's Theme: "Looking unto Jesus"—"You will not be able to see His face unless you kneel at His feet".
HYMN: "More Like the Master"

TALK: North Manchukuo—Our Newest Mission (See article by that title on page 23 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

TALK: North China Mission in 1937 (See article by that title on page 24 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

PRAYER for Manchukuo and North China

HYMN: "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?"

STORIES: Three Young Chinese Christians (See stories on page 24 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

TALK: Central China Baptist Mission (See article by that title on page 25 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

STORY: The Weaver's Little Girl (See story on page 26 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

SEASON of PRAYER for Interior and Central China

HYMN: "Christ for the World We Sing"

TALK: Strong Foundations in South China (See article by that title on page 26 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

PRAYER for South China

ANNOUNCEMENTS as to Plans for Thursday and Friday

SEASON of PRAYER for Observance of "Day of Prayer around the World" and for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

INGATHERING of Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

SOLO (as Benediction): "We Would See Jesus" (See music on page 43 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

Program for THURSDAY—December 2

SUBJECT—"LOOKING unto JESUS" in EUROPE and PALESTINE-SYRIA

HYMN: "O Worship the King"

SILENT MEDITATION on Week's Theme: "Looking unto Jesus"—"You will not be able to see His face unless you kneel at His feet".

SOLO: "We Would See Jesus" (See music on page 43 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

SCRIPTURE LESSON: "Looking unto Jesus"—(1) Rejoicing: Heb. 12:2; (2) The Plan of Salvation Completed: Isa. 53:11; (3) Joy over Every Soul Saved: Luke 15:10; (4) Winning Souls, Our Greatest Joy: Acts 20:24; I Thess. 2:19, 20

SILENT PRAYER for Deepening Devotion

STORY: Rumanian Children's Example (See story on page 27 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

STORY: A Girl of James Memorial (See story on page 28 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

PRAYER for Central Europe —**HYMN:** "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?"

TALK: Italian Baptist Work Today (See article by that title on page 28 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

TALK: Roman Baptist Women (See article by that title on page 28 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

STORY: A True Story from Italy (See story on page 29 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

TALK: Sorrow and Suffering among Spanish Baptists (See page 20 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

PRAYER for Italy and Spain

TALK: "Good News" Afresh from Palestine (See article by that title on page 30 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

HYMN: "Joy to the World"

SEASON of PRAYER for Palestine-Syria
ANNOUNCEMENTS as to Plans for "Day of Prayer around the World"
PRAYER for the Observance of the Day and for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
INGATHERING of Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
HYMN: "Christ for the World We Sing"

Program for FRIDAY—December 3

THE program for Friday, December 3, is on pages 31-40 of the week's W.M.S. folder. Each W.M.S. is entitled to two free copies of the folder. If your W.M.S. has not received its two copies of folder, please write promptly to your state W.M.U. headquarters, address on page 2. The pages herewith used for the outline program of the first four days of the Week of Prayer are perforated, so that they may be easily detached for use in preparation for the week.



As explained on pages 7, 41-42 of the week's W.M.S. folder it is earnestly desired that each Woman's Missionary Society and each Young Woman's Auxiliary will use the Golden Jubilee Preparation Program as set forth on those pages. See also pages 5, 33-34 of this magazine. The perforation on pages 33-34 is an added urge that the "Continuing in Prayer" card be used daily in December.



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HUNDRED THOUSAND CLUB



LET'S FINISH the TASK

THREE things every southern Baptist woman, and everybody else as for that matter, ought to loathe—*dirt, debt and the devil!* And she—and they—ought to wage unremitting and unrelenting warfare on all three.

A good part of a woman's daily routine, in many cases, is spent in chasing away the first of this trinity of evils, *dirt*. And the last one, the *devil*, she has with her always as he "goes to and fro and up and down in the earth, seeking whom he may devour". Never for one moment can she afford to give quarter to him. However, at this time it is necessary for us to lay special emphasis on the last of this series of enemies, *debt*.

The Promise—At the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis in 1936, the W.M.U. organization saved the day for the debt-paying movement among southern Baptists by volunteering a pledge to do its best to add 50,000 paid-up debt-paying memberships to the Hundred Thousand Club by 1938, each payment representing \$12, making a total of \$600,000. Just how many of these memberships have already been secured, this writer does not know. But we are quite sure that the impetus given to the Hundred Thousand Club by this magnanimous promise of Woman's Missionary Union saved the morale of the movement and enabled it, in the face of tremendous odds, to register last year an increase in receipts over any previous year.

Encouraging Results—And the movement is still going strong. Since its beginning at the Convention in Washington City in 1933, up to October 1, 1937, a total of \$737,844 had been received through the Hundred Thousand Club and every penny of it paid on the principal of the debts of the agencies and institutions of the Southern Baptist Convention. This means a saving of \$44,170 in interest charges each year, enough to keep fifty-five missionaries on the foreign fields for all time to come.

Three Reasons for Doing It

1. *For the sake of the W.M.U. organization itself.* A sense of victory always inspires confidence in one's ability to win and a desire for even greater achievements. What a thrill will come to southern Baptist women and young people when they learn that their efforts to attain their goal of 50,000 memberships in the Hundred Thousand Club has been crowned with glorious success! On the other hand, nothing is more discouraging and depressing than a sense of defeat and the constant consciousness of a promise that has not been fully met.

2. *For the sake of the agencies participating in the Hundred Thousand Club funds.* They are all desperately handicapped by debts. By releasing them from this bitter bondage, we will enable these agencies to devote their best energies to the constructive work for which they were created.

3. *For Jesus' sake.* Southern Baptists could do nothing that would advance the cause of Christ more effectively and give greater honor to His Name than to pay their debts one hundred cents on the dollar at the earliest possible moment. This would give the world, as well as our creditors, confidence in the honesty and integrity of our Baptist people and greater faith in the power of the Christian religion that makes its adherents meet their obligations.

—WALTER M. GILMORE, S.B.C. Publicity Director



FAMILY ALTAR



Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

TOPIC: "GOOD TIDINGS . . . to ALL PEOPLE"—*Luke 2:10*

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord". "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men". "We believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved".

Is There a Sweeter Story?

1st Day—Matt. 1:18-25
2nd Day—Matt. 2:1-10
3rd Day—Matt. 2:11-15, 19-21
4th Day—Luke 1:26-38
5th Day—Luke 1:34-39
6th Day—Luke 2:12-21
7th Day—Luke 2:25-34, 51, 52

Was Christ's Coming Foretold?

8th Day—Isa. 7:14; 9:6
9th Day—Mic. 5:2
10th Day—Zech. 9:9
11th Day—Isa. 53:1-7
12th Day—Isa. 61:1-3
13th Day—Psa. 2:8; 22:7; 66:4
14th Day—Isa. 32:1; 33:17

Why Did God Send His Son?

15th Day—I John 3:5, 8; 4:10
16th Day—Matt. 1:21; 5:17; 15:24
17th Day—Matt. 18:1, 12-14; 20:28
18th Day—Luke 14:18, 19 (*cf. 12th Day*)
19th Day—John 8:16; 8:12; 9:19; 10:10
20th Day—John 12:27, 46, 47; 18:37
21st Day—I Tim. 1:15

Will Christ Come Again?

22nd Day—Matt. 23:39
23rd Day—Luke 21:27, 28, 36
24th Day—Acts 1:9-11
25th Day—Isa. 35
26th Day—I Thess. 5:1-10
27th Day—I Thess. 2:19; 3:12, 13
28th Day—I Thess. 4:13-18
29th Day—II Thess. 3:3-5
30th Day—II Tim. 4:1, 8
31st Day—Rev. 1:7; 8:11; 16:15; 22:12-20

"Pray Ye"

In ceaseless praise that "Jesus, the Savior, is come!"
In constant intercession that every heart will "let Him in"
In yearning appeal for all who do not yet know the Christian meaning of Christmas
In behalf of the poor, the sick, the sorrowing and that W.M.U. Christmas personal service may "present the Savior"
In intercession for the widest possible observance of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, Nov. 29-Dec. 8 inclusive
In Christian fellowship with Baptists observing the "Day of Prayer around the World" in the 16 S.B.C. foreign fields
In importunate pleading that the \$150,000 goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering may be exceeded by at least \$110,000—a total of \$300,000
In the interest of W.M.U. organizations striving to attain A-1 records and to have every resident woman member of the church give something to missions
In behalf of W.M.U. young people and women that they will keep "Christmas for Christ"
In tenderest sympathy for war-torn lands and that every nation may follow the precepts of the Prince of Peace
In intercession for the lost whom Christ "came to seek and to save"

Calendar of Prayer December, 1937

Prepared by Mrs. Maud R. McIntire, Georgia

"Down the ages hoary,
Peals the song of glory,
Peace, and God's good will!
Other echoes die away.
But the song of Christmas Day
Echoes from Judean hill,
Ever clearer, louder still."

Topic: "Good Tidings . . . to All People"—*Luke 2:10*

1—WEDNESDAY

Pray for Miss Anna B. Hartwell, evangelistic work, Hwang-Hsien, and Miss Willie Kelly, emeritus missionary, China.
For Thy Name's sake, lead me and guide me.—Psa. 31:3

2—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. V. Dawes (*Laura Moore*) and Mrs. Irene Carter Stephens, evangelistic work, Tientsin, China.
The righteousness which is of faith —Rom. 9:30

3—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Clem D. Hardy (*Ethel Cooper*), evangelistic work, Manaus, Brazil.
To all which believe, He is precious. —I Pet. 2:7

4—SATURDAY

For Mrs. Peyton Stephens and Miss Hannah Plowden, emeritus missionaries from China.
Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven.—Psa. 12:1

5—SUNDAY

Pray for peace.
And He came and preached peace. —Eph. 2:17

6—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. L. W. Martin (*Estelle Snyder*), Jeff. Ky., and Miss Minnie Berry, Vicco, Ky., missionaries in the mountains.
I will trust and not be afraid.—Isa. 12:2

7—TUESDAY

For Miss Oia Lea, educational work, Shanghai, China.
Hast thou faith?—Rom. 14:22

8—WEDNESDAY

For Dr. George Grum, secretary for Nigeria, Mrs. Green (*Lydia Williams*), evangelistic work, Oshosoto, Nigeria, and Dorothy Green, Margaret Fund student.
He is faithful that promises.—Hab. 10:21

9—THURSDAY

For Miss Bertha Wallis, Good Will Center, Birmingham, Ala.
We are bound to thank God always. —II Thess. 1:3

10—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Bowdler (*Ruth Nicholson*), evangelistic work, Cipolletti, Argentina, and George Bowdler, Margaret Fund student.
Wait on the Lord, and He shall save thee. —Prov. 20:22

11—SATURDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Langston, emeritus missionaries from Brazil.
Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving. —Psa. 147:7

12—SUNDAY

Pray that Christ may be exalted in the Christmas celebration in our Good Will Centers and Mission Sunday Schools.
Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these . . . ye did it unto Me. —Matt. 25:40

13—MONDAY

Pray for Misses Elsie Clor and Eunice Fenderson, Jerusalem, and Dr. and Mrs. Henry Leo Eddleman, Tel Aviv, Palestine, evangelistic work.
I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills. —Psa. 121:1

14—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Ware (*Mary Bibb Long*), evangelistic work, Shanghai, China.
God hath attended to the voice of my prayer.—Psa. 66:19

15—WEDNESDAY

For Miss Anne W. Lasceter, Colegio Baustista, Temuco, Chile.
He hath inclined His ear to me. —Psa. 116:2

"Oh, may its holy Heavenly chime
Make all thy life a Christmas time!"
—Selected

16—THURSDAY

For †Miss Hattie Stallings—on furlough—
educational work, Kweilin, China
Ask of God and He will give it thee.
—John 11:22

For Rev. and Mrs. R. M. Averitt (*Floy Gery*), Calvert, Ala., and Rev. and Mrs. S. E. McDodory (*Berlen Moore*), Union, Miss., workers among Indians

For Dr. and Mrs. S. E. Ayers (Winnie Bennett), medical and evangelistic work, Chengchow, China.
Make the voice of His praise to be heard.
—Psa. 66:3

For Rev. Shau Yan Lee, missionary to
Chinese, Greenville, Miss.
He will be our guide even unto death.
—Paa. 48 14

For Rev. and tMrs. A. R. Gallimore
(Gladys Stephenson) and Miss Ruth Pettigrew,
evangelistic work, Waichow, China
The Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.
—Psa. 116:7

For Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Long (*Florence Major*), medical work, Ogbomoso, Nigeria
Ask and it shall be given you.—Luke 11:9

For Rev. and *Mrs. John L. Bice (*Bianche Hemm*), evangelistic work, Maceio, Brazil
Seek ye first the Kingdom of God.
—Matt. 6-33

For †Miss Ruby Daniel, educational
work, Bucharest, Rumania
Hear, O Lord, when I cry.—Psa. 27:7

For Rev. and Mrs. Pascal Arpaio (*Jessie
Bulfinch*), missionaries to Italians, Krebs
Okla.
Therefore shall the people praise Thee.
—Ps. 45:17

Let us make this a Christmas for Christ.
Glory to God in the highest!—LUKE 2:14

Pray for all Christian workers as they
make plans for the New Year.
Thou hast enlarged my steps under me.
—Psa. 18:36

For Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Bennett (*Emily Gilbert*). Rescue Mission, Jacksonville, Fla.
The Lord is the strength of my life.
—Ps. 27:1

For *Miss Bernice Neel, evangelistic work,
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
They shall prosper that love thee.
—Ps. 122:6

For Rev. and Mrs. George Maxim (Josefina Rocha), workers among Mexicans, Brownsville, Texas
The prayer of faith shall save.—Jas. 5:13

For Miss Mary Alexander, Pool To Acad
emy, Canton, China
Ask thy Father, and He will show thee.
—Deut. 32:7

For Rev. and Mrs. David Calhoun, mis-
sionaries in the Kentucky mountains
The Lord is good to the soul that seeketh
Him.—Lam. 3:25

Many of the missionaries to China as mentioned in this calendar will doubtless not be at their stations but are refusing in various places.

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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.

Ps. 119:33-36; Acts 18:24-28—Read again Eph. 6:11, 14-17

BUNYAN'S Pilgrim, armed in House Beautiful for the rest of his journey, soon meets Apollyon in the valley below and thrusts and thrusts again with his good sword. Jesus Himself used the Old Testament in the hour of temptation, as well as in synagogues and wayside teaching; and His whole life and death fulfilled the Scriptures. The day He rose, as He walked to Emmaus, as He met the ten in the upper room, He said: "Thus it is written"; and He "opened their minds". And He linked this fulfillment with the command to preach the Gospel to all nations in the power of the Spirit. No wonder the apostles used this sword He put into their hands and found it sharp and good, as at Thessalonica and Berea (*Acts 17:1-4, 10-12*). No wonder Paul, finding young Apollos a quick and nimble swordsman, "mighty in the Scriptures", welcomed him to Ephesus and Corinth. No wonder young Timothy, knowing the Scriptures from a child, readily learned the way of salvation for himself and for others. (Even now, the comparison of the two Testaments is the best possible approach to the Jews.) No wonder all missionaries rely on this sword, for the New Testament brings the Gospel in reach of all who can read.

Judson, laboring seven years for his first convert, began working steadily at translating the Scriptures—first Matthew, then a tract, then all the New Testament, in twenty years the whole Bible. It has been the foundation of all mission work in Burmah. So with Morrison in China: today our China Baptist Publication Society is one of the mightiest forces for Christ.

In Arabia, on the other hand, the Gospel was preached as early as 500 A.D., but no Bible was available except a Syriac version. The next century the work was swept away by Mohammedan conquest. Today the fruits of that neglect of the Scriptures are tormenting the Christian world.

A mission secretary was asked by an intelligent Negro: "Why do you not send some of our people to Africa? Many would be glad to go". The secretary read him a letter from a man on that field, who had succeeded in reducing the tribal language to writing, had taught a considerable number of persons to read and write and had begun to translate the Scriptures. "When you have men with that sort of ability and training", said the secretary, "we'll use them".

The American Bible Society, now 120 years old, in a recent year issued Bibles in 134 languages—from Ancient Syriac (and Arabic) to Esperanto—700,000 volumes, including Braille for the blind in a dozen languages; and in English, ten times as many. The British and Foreign Bible Society circulated over four million Bibles and portions. From the Christmas angel to the newest missionary—say, to the most timid Christian who speaks to a child or a friend about Jesus—the coming of Christ the Lord is “good tidings of great joy”.

CIRCLE PLANS

CIRCLE'S MISSIONARY PROGRAM

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

WHEN YOUR CIRCLE STUDIES "Questing in Galilee"

many practical suggestions will be gained from the following discussion by Mrs. H. M. Keck, mission study chairman for Arkansas W.M.U. The book is particularly recommended for "Pioneer Classes".

"Questing in Galilee!" What a compelling title for a study of missions! Can't you see our seven southern Baptist missionaries who wrote the five chapters of the book going about Galilee—the land of our Savior—questing, seeking, searching for the lost?

It is your task, teacher of a study group, to see the needs of the land and to know the work of the missionaries; then to present them to your class in such a way that they, too, will see and know.

"To Know More and to Care More!"

Your preparation includes much PRAYER that your teaching may reach the hearts of your pupils; much COLLECTING of materials relating to the subject to be taught; and much STUDY of the text and the collected material. Plan for definite spiritual and missionary response, working toward enlarged vision, greater knowledge, worthier gifts, constant prayers and deeper consecration.

Refer freely to such books as "The Heart of the Levant", "Palestinian Tapestries", "Re-Birth of a Nation", "Home Life in the Bible," Report of the Foreign Mission Board, Album of S.B.C. Foreign Missionaries. Make a scrap book of newspaper clippings pertaining to Palestine-Syria. Get free package of material from Foreign Mission Board. Use as many of the splendid suggestions for teaching which are in the text book as are suitable to your class. Have 8½x11½ manila envelopes for pupils' "note books", putting inside maps, poems, clippings, pictures etc. With each chapter present brief sketch of missionary who wrote the chapter. Use good wall map, marking places of interest with red stars.

Chapter I—Isa. 9:1, 2, 6, 7; Matt. 4:14, 17; Mark 1:9; Luke 4:14. Introduce your class to the land of Galilee and her people, using costumes, curios and pictures. Tell the story of Mrs. Mosa, her deep consecration, sacrifices, great desire to tell of Christ; describe also the great work she has accomplished.

Chapter II—Acts 16:1, 3; Timothy 1:2, 18, 19. The story of Augustine Shirish can be told by one member of the class, the story of Elias Saleebi by another, assignments having been made at previous class period. A study of the genealogy poster in text book should be made. Present dramatization of Genesis 24, beginning at 12th verse.

Chapter III—Acts 7:54-58. Present the story of Elsie Clor, Russian Jewess, who suffered and was persecuted for His sake and who is still witnessing faithfully and tellingly in the city of Jerusalem. Then relate the story of Rachel, a Spanish Jewess and an early convert of Elsie Clor. Where can be found such persecution, such faith and endurance as Elsie's and Rachel's? Close class period with story of Jacob Wolf, Polish Jew who once thought all Christians liars.

Chapter IV—Psalms 1 and 2. Have the best story-teller of the class relate the dramatic and unusual events in the life of Fadlow Bounhey. Urge class members to give liberally to the Little Moon Christmas Offering in December so that the goal will be reached and Palestine-Syria will receive the amount listed for mission work there.

Chapter V—Genesis 12:1, 2, 3, 7; 13:14-17. Present this chapter by blackboard outline. Discuss newspaper clippings of recent happenings in Palestine-Syria. Have reports of the chapters "The Rise of Zionism" and "The Interpretation of Zionism" from the book "The Re-Birth of a Nation". Close with the last four paragraphs of the text book.

"There is some way to reach every Christian heart with missions". Find that way to the hearts of the women and young people of your church!

BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Miss Inabelle Coleman, Virginia

SUGGESTIONS: With miniature dolls and a sand table, Christmas streets in all parts of the world can be constructed to portray the heartache of our sisters and brothers in Christ in other lands, viz: *China*—a street of destruction and blood-shed; *Japan*—a street of funeral and mourning for soldiers killed in battle against China; *Russia*—a flag at half-mast and aviators with bowed heads for comrades lost in air battles for China; *Spain*—a street of horrible destruction, starvation, illness, resulting from war; *Italy*—a little bereaved Baptist group meeting in memorial service honoring their organist drafted into service, sent to Spain and killed in battle along with the many other Italians suffering similar fate; *France*—a group of terror-stricken, shell-shocked, nervous little Spanish children in a rescue camp comforting one another; *America*—a bright, twinkling Christmas tree with happy children singing carols around it. Over the table on a placard print in black, red, silver and gold respectively: *Christmas—and a Funeral Dirge; Christmas—and a Battle Call; Christmas—and a Carol. Peace on Earth—When?* As the members arrive direct their attention to this silent pantomime. For B.W.C. program for season of prayer see page 33.

TOPIC: The CHRISTMAS CALL

Carols (softly by string quartette behind a screen)

Season of Good Tidings (performers behind screen)—(Pages 19-20)

Silent Prayer and Meditation

Three Talks: To Us; To All; Without Christmas—(Pages 20-23)

The Christ-Call—(Pages 23-24)

The Christmas-Call—(Pages 24-27)

The Cherubic-Call—(Page 27)

Silent Prayers for the World

ANSWERING HUNGARY'S CALL

Last August when I was in Budapest-upon-the-Danube, there was much-a-do going on in the building back of the courtyard upon which the Seminary also opens its back doors. Hammering and plastering indicated a complete re-creation for the new quarters for the new Training School for the Baptist young women of Hungary. Every sound of the hammers and every splash of plaster reminded me that the Little Moon Christmas Offering of last year was lifting these hammers and doing that work. By opening time in September the work was finished, and another "House Beautiful" flung wide its doors to Baptist young womanhood surrendered to Christ.

Wisdom decreed it best to admit only half of those who applied. For the first year surely twenty are enough. And these came from all of the Hungarian territory.

At the National Youth Conference, for instance, I met a charming charter member of the first class to be admitted. She is a Rumanian citizen living in that beautiful Transylvania-land lost from Hungary to Rumania in the Treaty of 1918. Her awareness of her pure Hungarian blood makes her eyes sparkle with an added flash when she speaks of her joy in coming to the new Training School in Budapest. The daughter of one of Transylvania's finest Hungarian-Rumanian Baptist pastors, she is eager to prepare herself for the greatest possible service for Christ.

The stories of these twenty girls combine to fill us with rejoicing that we, too, as business women, had a part in opening these doors of training to these beautiful and fine Hungarian girls. Of all the peoples I met in Europe, none impressed me more with their fine qualities than the Hungarian youth. Scholastic in appearance, upstanding, poised, courageous, efficient, they challenge their giant to stand a little taller, too, not only in stature but also in the stature of spiritual status. They are worthy of this love investment of last Christmas and of the \$3000 as listed for their Training School in our Little Moon Christmas Offering of this December.



PROGRAM PLANS



Mrs. T. M. Pittman, North Carolina

With the PROGRAM COMMITTEE



Again our thoughts turn to plans for the December or Christmas meeting of our societies. What shall our symbol be this year? A star? A candle? A tree? A bell? All have been used many times, and each has a significance peculiar to the Christmas season. We do not tire of them.

But suppose this year we go far, far back before the angel's song of "Peace on Earth", before there was an earth, back into eternity itself. Read carefully the following Bible references.

John 1:1-3; follow this thought with John 15:9—"As the Father hath loved Me, even so have I loved you". Then as if infinite love could be increased, Jesus said: "Therefore doth My Father love Me, because I lay down My life. . . . No man taketh it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself"—John 10:17-18. May we not try to bring these thoughts to the women of our societies as we meet for the last time in 1937 and just before we enter into the joys of Christmas in our homes?

The hearts of the women should be prepared to receive these sweet and solemn verses, for in many (*we hope in all*) of our societies this December there will be observed the "Week of Prayer for World-wide Missions". The material for that season has been so carefully prepared that we shall feel in fresh touch with our mission fields.

At least one plan for the Golden Jubilee year will be sent to the societies with the Week of Prayer material. (*See additional information as to this plan on page 5 of this magazine.*)

Now we come to the regular December society meeting. Time should be set aside by the Program Committee for the

appointment of committees and discussion of the society's plans for the Golden Jubilee. The success of the celebration is going to depend upon the work of the local societies—and that means your society and mine. What a glorious thing it would be if every single society in Woman's Missionary Union should take part in this celebration of fifty years of service!

If much time is given to the discussion of Golden Jubilee plans, it will be necessary to choose only parts of the abundant program material (*pages 19-27*). A suggestion is to combine "To All People" (*page 21*) and "The Christmas Call" (*page 24*) by using in both the same characters in the following way. Just as the president calls the meeting to order, a choir of eleven women marches in and takes its place facing the audience. These women should be dressed to represent the eleven races that have been studied in 1937 and may be used for special music during the program. After the opening devotions, the leader for the meeting may speak from the given topic: "To All People". As she reaches the review of the year's study, month by month, the representative of the race mentioned should rise and remain standing. As the leader finishes, these eleven should join in a Christmas hymn. After they are again seated, a woman should come forward to a table on which gift packages, tissue paper etc. have already been placed. She begins "The Christmas Call"; at the proper time the women in the choir come forward and tell of the countries they represent. At the conclusion, all join in singing "Joy to the World" or "Christ for the World We Sing". Be sure to use the motto: "Christmas for Christ".



PROGRAM for DECEMBER



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

Prepared by Mrs. C. D. Creasman, Tennessee

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

TOPIC for MONTH: "GOOD TIDINGS . . . to ALL PEOPLE"
(*Luke 2:10*)

Hymn for the Year

—Watchword for the Year

Bible Study—The Sword of the Spirit—Psa. 119:33-36; Acts 18:24-28 (*Page 15*)

Prayer thanking God for the Sword of the Spirit

Season of Good Tidings

—How Christmas Came to Us

To All People

—Without Christmas

The Tidings in Trust

Prayer that we may be faithful stewards of the tidings

The Christmas Call

—Christmas for Christ

Joy to the World

Prayer that we may hasten to give the "good tidings" of the Christ Child to the whole world

SEASON of GOOD TIDINGS

Leader—Reads or recites Luke 2:1-5

Song—"O Little Town of Bethlehem" (sung as solo or by all)

Leader—Luke 2:6, 7

Song—"Away in a Manger" (sung by a Sunbeam)

Leader—Luke 2:8-14

Song—"Hark the Herald Angels Sing" (sung as solo or by all)

Leader—Luke 2:15-20

Song—"Silent Night" (sung either as solo or by all)

(*Pianist or organist continues to play "Silent Night" softly while the leader gives the following talk. It should be memorized, not just given in her own words.*)

We are entering the soft candlelight of another Christmas.

Christmas in our houses,

Christmas in our windows,

Christmas on the street,

Where the garlands swing.

Christmas in our kitchens,

Christmas on the highways

With their odors sweet.

And in the busy marts.

Christmas in our churches,

Christmas all around us,

Where the children sing;

Christmas in our hearts.

Christmas! It is the season which we love best, which we enjoy most and which stirs our hearts with sweetest memories and highest aspirations. It is the climax of all seasons, the high point where the events of the year seem to culminate and to find their supreme fruition of joy. It is a time when the good are at their best, and when even in evil hearts there is a stirring of an impulse toward the better things of life.

Christmas! It is a song—a song of joy sung by an angel choir and echoed in human hearts through nineteen centuries of time. It is a *star*, leading wise men to worship a Baby King, and leading all who are wise enough to follow its shining ray to find a King for their lives. It is a *light*, the glory of the Lord, shining all around—a light which dispels the darkness of a sin-cursed world and shines with a gleam of hope into darkened human hearts. It is a *gift*—a gift from God, calling us to bring gifts to lay at His feet, even the gift of our hearts.

Christmas! It is a season of "*Good Tidings*". It brings good tidings of God who loved and sent His Son to save a lost world. It brings good tidings of a Child born, of a Son given, of a Savior provided. It brings good tidings of the "*Dayspring from on High*", flooding the world with the sunlight of God's love. It brings good tidings of joy and hope, of peace and good will among men. It brings good tidings of the greatest birthday the world has ever known—God born among men, Heaven born upon earth, hope born in human hearts.

"Father of all, our grateful hearts we bring,
For this glad Christmas with its every joy;
For the dear Christ Child sent to us from Heaven,
Given by Thy love, a little baby boy."

HOW CHRISTMAS CAME to US

WHILE Christmas started toward us when the angels proclaimed "good tidings of great joy to all people", it was a long time before there was a real Christian celebration in the world. Easter and Good Friday were important days in the church calendar many years before there was any thought of commemorating the birth of Christ. According to the best records it was about the middle of the fourth century that one of the popes of the Roman Catholic Church fixed December the 25th as the date of Jesus' birth, and the celebration of Christmas as a holy day began. The festival spread from Rome to every quarter of the empire, making its way into the Eastern (or Greek Catholic) Church. St. Augustine celebrated Christmas in England in 598 by the baptism of ten thousand converts. Christmas was established in Germany in 813 and in Norway about the middle of the tenth century.

For the first few centuries Christmas remained within the church. A sacred service was always held at midnight in the dimly lighted cathedral, while the priestly chorus chanted songs of joyous praise. Besides this two other masses were sung, one at dawn and one during the day. But after the eighth century, when church and state became one, the Christmas celebrations were no longer confined to the churches. Lights began to twinkle on Christmas eve in the homes throughout all Europe. Christmas legends grew, and the first carols were composed and sung by peasants and serfs in their simple homes. By and by Christmas crossed the English Channel into England and gathered to itself a lighter and a merrier atmosphere about the great hearths of the English castles. An enormous dinner became the central feature of the day; games of skill and chance grew popular and the day became a riot of enjoyment. But ever and again the minstrels would remind the frolicking people of the true cause for making merry at Christmas.

Christmas was not lost with the Reformation, for with the exception of the strict Puritans it was taken over into all protestant churches. Indeed, it is said, that the great power behind the German Reformation was due largely to the "Cradle Hymn" of the infant Jesus, written by Martin Luther. Some attribute to Luther the origin of the Christmas tree. It is said that "wishing to show his wife and children the beauty of the forest, snow-flecked and frost-jeweled, he brought home a little fir tree and decorated it with white and silver, fastening candles on it to make it shine."

Christmas was a little slow about coming to America, for so much paganism had crept into the festivities of the sacred day that the Puritans rebelled against it and penalized all who dared to observe it. For sixty-six years not even a church service was held on Christmas day in Massachusetts. But other groups of colonists gradually appropriated the Christmas festivities of England and Europe and so Christmas came to America and to us.

There are those who regret the Catholic origin of Christmas. To be sure it did start in the Catholic church, and yet it can hardly be claimed as a Catholic day. In fact, many of its customs can be traced back to pagan rites. So many elements have entered into the making of Christmas as we celebrate it today that it cannot be attributed to any one source. "It is a river into which have flowed tributaries from every side, from oriental religion, from Greek and Roman civilization, from Celtic, Teutonic, Slav and probably pre-Aryan society, mingling their waters so that it is often hard to discover the far-away springs."

At any rate we have Christmas! Forgetting anything in the past which was not Christian, we can make it as beautiful and as Christ-like as we desire. The Christmas tree may be of pagan origin, as some think, but we like better to see in its evergreen branches an emblem of that everlasting life which the Christ-Child brought to men. The candles in our windows may have come from old Catholic customs, but that does not hinder us from seeing in them pictures of that light which Jesus brought into the world. The habit of giving gifts may have started in some heathen or Catholic custom, but we can go back of that to explain our Christmas giving—even to the story of the Wise Men who brought their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to lay at the feet of Jesus.

However Christmas came to us, surely God is glad for us to have it—glad for us to make the birthday of His Son the gladdest, most glorious day in the year. Then in the words of Grace Noll Crowell:

"For one brief starry night let us forget
The clamor of the world, our loss, our fear,
And let us light the candles in our souls
This one night of the year!"

TO ALL PEOPLE

OUR program topics for this year have led us to study about people. We have studied about people of five continents and of the isles of the sea. We have studied about people living on mountains and in valleys, on plains and in cities, in near-by and far-away places. We have studied about people living on the Nile, on the Thames, on the Amazon, on the Rhine, on the Tiber, on the Danube, on the Yangtze, on the Mississippi, on most of the great rivers of the world. We have studied about people of many races, of many colors, of many customs, of many dispositions, of many characteristics. And we have found all of them interesting, all of them with special racial gifts, all of them possessing characteristics to make them charming and lovable. We have learned to understand them, to sympathize with them, admire and love them and to desire for them God's best gifts.

Now we come to our last program in the year's series about people. And it is Christmas! Surely it is fitting that we should use this program to remind us that the good tidings of Christmas are for all people. So sang the angels to the Bethlehem shepherds: "Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people". Everything about the coming of Jesus marked Him as a universal Messiah, a Savior for all people. According to His genealogy there were gentiles as well as Jews among His ancestors. Thus in His connected by blood with all people. Not only that, but when His gentle nature came to worship Him. The angels sang, "Behold I bring you good tidings of His birth made no racial distinction."

but included all people in their message. Simeon, prophesying of His ministry, proclaimed Him to be not only "the glory of Thy people, Israel" but also "a light to lighten the gentiles". Jesus Himself said: "God so loved the world"—the whole world—"that He sent His only begotten Son, that *whosoever* believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life".

Not only in His birth but by His life and teachings did Jesus proclaim His salvation for all people. He helped and healed Jews and gentiles alike. When Greeks came seeking Him, they were welcomed. The Syrophenician woman and the "sordid, social sister of Samaria" were received and helped. His message had a universal application and appeal. When explaining the Parable of the Sower He said, "The field is the world". While He Himself never journeyed far from the place of His birth He talked continually to His disciples of the world. Evidently it was His purpose to set the whole world in their hearts. His last command to them was: "Go ye into *all* the world, and preach the Gospel to *every* creature". "Surely, no race, nation or people can hold a monopoly on Jesus Christ. He belongs to all men, of all ages, everywhere". (Dodd)

It is interesting to notice how Jesus' commission to His disciples gradually widened in its scope. The risen Lord appeared to Mary Magdalene, saying: "Mary". Her answer was, "Master", showing that she recognized Him as her Lord. Then He said to her, "Go tell My brethren". Thus the commission to Mary was restricted to just the little group who had followed Him through His earthly ministry. On another occasion a demon-possessed man, cured by Jesus, was told: "Go home to thy friends and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee". Thus was the commission broadened to include not just brethren but also friends. Then, when Jesus gave His last commission to His disciples He included all the world and every creature. Surely there is no room to doubt that Jesus meant that His Gospel was for all people. Now as we get ready for Christmas perhaps we need to be reminded again that the good tidings of the coming of the Savior are for all people.

For All People—all of those races about whom we have studied this year! With this in mind let us watch them pass before us again. The **ANGLO-SAXONS**! How glorious that the message was for them—our own race! Otherwise we would not be having the joys of this Christmastide. The **JEWS**! The good tidings came first to them. The Christmas King Himself was a Jew, so of course His message was for His own people. The **SPANISH** and **PORTUGUESE**—so deceived by a false Christianity! The **FRENCH**—thinking so much of exterior style and so little of interior welfare! The **SLAVS**—with souls enslaved while thinking themselves free! The **ITALIANS**—slaves of a dictatorship, yet dreaming of a world empire! The **NEGROES**—so sorrowful but so victorious when told of Christ! The **INDIANS**—so mistreated and so deserving of good tidings! The **JAPANESE**—so woful in their spirit of greed and military aggression, and so wonderful in their possibilities for Christian living! The **CHINESE**—so numerous, so needy and so necessary for the spread of the Kingdom! The **SYRIANS** and **PAL-ESTINIANS**—living in the land of the Lord, but knowing little of His glory! The good tidings are for all of these—**ALL PEOPLE, EVERYWHERE!**

"For God so loved the world, not just a few,
The wise and great, the noble and the true,
Or those of favored class or race or hue.
God loved the world. Do you?"

Without CHRISTMAS

No Christmas! No Christmas!	No holly red or mistletoe,
In heathen lands, you know.	No merry frolics in the snow,
No Christmas! No Christmas!	No tale of that first Christmas day
But only grief and woe!	When Jesus in a manger lay.
No Christmas tree with candles' light,	No Christmas! No Christmas!
No presents tied with ribbons bright,	How terrible to know!

So sing our children in an effort to describe the condition of people who know not of Christmas and Christ! It is terrible to know that there are millions of people in the world today who do not have Christmas. Dr. Aildredge, in the 1936 Handbook, tells us that "there are in the world 1,405,116,145 people who are not Christians. This is seventy and four-tenths per cent of the world's population. That means that almost three-fourths of the world are without Christmas. And the appalling thing about it is that the world is growing heathen faster than it is growing Christian. While the total nominal Christians in the world—including all denominations, of all faiths and all races—made a net gain of 200,000,000 from 1890 to 1935, the unreached, unchurched, heathen population of the world made a net gain of 470,000,000 during this same period! So in 1935 the world was actually 270,000,000 more heathen and less Christian than it was in 1890—and was growing still more heathen at the rate of 6,000,000 a year". Every letter from the missionaries, every report, tells of the throngs of people unreached by the Gospel.

Without Christmas! No merry Christmas shopping, no busy Christmas baking, no shining Christmas trees, no exchanging of Christmas gifts and cards, no singing of Christmas carols! Yes, there are millions and millions of people who have none of these joys! But even sadder than these are the millions in our own Christmas land who have all the outward joys of Christmas and yet know nothing of the real meaning of the season. We see them hustling along the streets, buying gifts, decorating their homes, making preparation for a merry time, and yet we know that they have appropriated the blessings of Christmas without accepting the Christmas King. These are as truly without Christmas as are those in Africa or China who have never heard of the Manger Baby.

Without Christmas! It means a great deal more than being deprived of those pleasures which we so greatly enjoy through the Christmas season. It means being without Christ, not only for one day or one month, but also for all the year—for all the years of this life and throughout eternity. Without Christmas means being without hope in this world or the next. It means no deep joy, no inward peace, no abundant living. It means being eternally lost. And a billion and a half people are without Christmas. Let us not forget it!

The TIDINGS in TRUST

THERE are four words found in First Thessalonians 2:4 potent in meaning—perhaps the most arresting, most challenging phrase in the Bible. They are these: "Entrusted with the Gospel". That means that we are entrusted with Christmas, entrusted with the good tidings of the coming of the Savior. It means that we who have received the good tidings are expected to pass them on to others. The good tidings come to us because others were faithful to this trust, and now it is our obligation to be equally as faithful in passing the good news on to those who have not heard.

Suppose that some one sent you two Christmas gifts—one to keep for yourself and one to pass on to a friend. And suppose you became so absorbed in the enjoyment of your own gift that you failed to give the other to your friend. Such an oversight would be inexcusably selfish. And yet that is a very inadequate picture of what we fail to do when we fail to pass on to others the gift of the Christ Child.

In the Great Commission Jesus told us what we are to do with the good tidings. He said: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel", tell the good tidings "to every creature". Of course our common sense shows us that we can't all do that literally. Some must go preach and others must send them. "How can they preach except they be sent?" There is no third choice. All must be either goers or senders. Those who do neither are unfaithful to the trust given to them.

Are southern Baptists faithful to the trust of the tidings? Dr. Alldredge tells us that we have less than five hundred missionaries in a great world field comprising 775,000,000 people. That means that we have fewer than one missionary to every one and a half million people. We give an average of only two cents per member each month, or twenty-four cents per member each year, to foreign missions. Is that being faithful to the trust?

"Entrusted with the Gospel"! Surely there has never been a more challenging obligation imposed upon human beings. Hear again the angels' song of good tidings to all people! Hear again the cries of earth's lost millions. And between the two we stand, entrusted with the good tidings. See again the Star of Bethlehem, shining with the light of salvation! See again the world, lying in the darkness of sin! And we stand between, commissioned to be transmitters of that light! See again God's Christmas gift to the world! See again the millions of lost people who have never received that gift! And we stand between, entrusted with that gift! Such an obligation! Such a responsibility! Such an opportunity! Shall we fail to pass on the good tidings? Shall we fail to let the light of the Christmas star shine through to dispel heathen darkness? Shall we fail to deliver God's Christmas gift to lost people? No! We must be good stewards of the Gospel, we must be true to the trust of the tidings.

THE CHRISTMAS CALL

(A woman is seated at a table wrapping Christmas gifts.)

Woman—What a wonderful time is Christmas! I just love it—all the hurry and flurry, the thrill and excitement of it! I love the gifts, the trees, the evergreens, the carols and everything that goes with the glad season. And of course I love the Christmas story. How wonderful was the message of the angel: "Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people".

(Enters Christmas Angel, dressed in long white robe, trimmed with tinsel)

Christmas Angel—"Which shall be to all people" . . . "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature".

Woman—Dear me! I had never thought of putting those two verses together.

Christmas Angel—They belong together. Jesus came to save all people, and He says that those who receive His good tidings must share them with all people.

Woman—Oh of course I know that we Christians must give the Gospel to the world, but Christmas is no time for me to be thinking about that.

Christmas Angel—Christmas is the time to be unselfish and to think about other people. "Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people".

Woman—"To all people!" Those words of the Christmas Angel are rather disturbing. I seem to hear the call of earth's millions who are still without Christ.

(Each of the following enter as they speak and remain until the end of the playlet, the *Christmas Angel* standing on one side and the other characters on the other side of the *Woman* in the center. They should wear costumes of nations represented.)

Japan—My Christian friend, share your Christmas with us in Japan. About ninety million of my people know nothing about your tidings of great joy. You

southern Baptists have only fourteen missionaries among us. There should be many more. While you are enjoying your Christmas think of us and send us the glad news.

China—There are only about four million Christians in China. That means that there are over four hundred and fifty million who know nothing about Christmas. And yet southern Baptists have only 215 missionaries to tell all of those millions about the good tidings. Won't you do more to share your Christmas with us? (Adjust according to latest denominational news as to China.)

Africa—The night of Africa is very long. Perhaps a hundred million people are still unreached by the Gospel. Twenty million of these live in Nigeria where southern Baptists have their thirty-seven missionaries. A few of our people have been reached by the missionaries and know the Christmas story, but the rest continue in darkness. Oh won't you share with us the light of Christmas?

Europe—Most people in Europe know about Christmas but do not understand the deeper meaning of the coming of the Christ Child. In the southern Baptist mission fields—Hungary, Italy, Spain, Rumania and Jugo Slavia—are over twelve million non-Christian people and about a hundred million Catholics. Southern Baptists have eleven missionaries among these. At this season of peace terrible clouds of war hover over my people. Won't you share with us the message of "peace on earth, good will to men?"

South America—The people of South America need your good tidings. Twenty million in Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Uruguay are not Christian in any sense, and there are twice that many who are Roman Catholic and therefore know not the full meaning of the good tidings. We are grateful for the work of your one hundred and twenty-six missionaries, but we need more messengers of good tidings. Won't you heed our call at this glad Christmas season?

Mexico—In your neighbor nation, Mexico, are about four million people who do not claim to be Christian at all, and twelve million others who are Catholics. Therefore our land is almost without a true Christmas. Your seven missionaries cannot reach all of the lost, even were they allowed to live in our country. If the good tidings are for all people do not fail to send the message to Mexico.

Palestine—In Palestine there are over four million people and in Syria three million more who have no Christmas. Among these, southern Baptists have only six missionaries. It was people in Palestine who first heard the good tidings and passed them on to other races. Don't you think that you ought to send the Christmas message back to the people who live now in the land that gave birth to the Christ Child?

America—Only forty-seven per cent of the people in America claim to be Christians. That means that over half of the people in your own land cannot have a real Christmas. Most of them know about Christmas and will share in the outward merriment of the season, but they know nothing of the inward joy which comes from accepting the Christ Child as King of their lives. Your two hundred and eighty-three home missionaries win many to Christ every year, but they need your help. Won't you share the good tidings with your neighbors who live in a Christmas land without accepting the Christmas Christ?

Woman—Yes, I hear the call of people who have no Christmas. And I hear the Christmas Angel singing of good tidings for all people. And I hear the Christmas Christ commanding me to go into all the world and give the Gospel to all people. Surely in the midst of my Christmas joys I must not forget to share the good tidings of salvation with all people. As Mildred Bollinger Stein wrote:

"Glory to God", the angels sang,

"And peace to men on earth!"

For we have brought good news to all
Of the Holy Christ Child's birth".

"Go tell of Me", the Christ-Man said

To those who walk with Him,

"Tell them that a Savior died

To save from curse of sin".

And some have told.
 . . . But some still wait
 In sin and darksome fears,
 Though we have known of Jesus' birth
 Through nineteen hundred years.

Awake! Arise! Let music swell!
 Let Christmas anthems ring!
 Let's join the angels as they tell
 Of Jesus, Savior, King!

CHRISTMAS for CHRIST

CHristmas has the word "Christ" in it but, alas, many people fail to put Christ into their Christmas. Indeed there is a danger that, in the bustle and feasting and merry making that accompany the season's festive celebration, all of us will forget to give Christ the first place in our Christmas. There is a story told of a Jewish girl who was employed in a New York ten cent store. She met with an accident and was waited on with great tenderness and kindness by a Christian trained nurse. She looked appealingly into the face of the nurse and asked incredulously, "Is it true that you are a Christian?" On being answered in the affirmative she replied: "You are so polite and gentle I didn't think you could be. But then, the only Christians I have ever seen are Christmas shoppers". What a shame that Christians fail to show the Christmas spirit in their Christmas shopping and other Christmas activities. Let us notice some of the things which we must do to keep Christ in our Christmas.

First, we must *worship*. We cannot think of that Babe in the manger, God's own Son come down to the earth to save lost people, without a desire to kneel before Him, as did the shepherds and wise men, in adoration, in praise and in worship. There should be a spirit of worship in all of our festivities. There should be nothing at any time to prevent our souls turning toward God for a moment of communion. The lights on our Christmas trees should lead us to think with gratitude of the Christmas star. With every Christmas gift given or received should go a thought of praise for the greatest of all Christmas gifts. Even our feasting should be graced with prayers of thanksgiving. The lovely prayer of James Whitcomb Riley's should be ours:

"O Brother of mine of birth Divine,	Nor count our reverence less,
Upon this natal day of Thine,	Because with glee and jubilee
Bear with our stress of happiness	Our hearts go singing up to Thee".

Then to keep Christ in our Christmas we must *love*. As the Bible is God's love book, so is Christmas God's love day. "All the love of the eternal Godhead was gathered up and let down from Heaven on that first Christmas day in the form of the Manger Babe". God the Father loved and sent—Jesus the Son loved and came. We must love the Father because He sent—we must love the Son because He came. And we must remember that we show our love for Jesus by loving and serving His "little ones". Christmas is a time to forget all grudges, all selfishness, all strife, in loving thoughts for others. It is a time to open the soul's door and let all its graces be bathed in the pure air of Heavenly love. It is the time to try to win others to love the Christ Child. "The love of Christ constraineth us". His love for us and ours for Him constrain us to be most loving on His birthday.

And to keep Christ in our Christmas we must *give*. Christmas has become the great giving season of the year. But the trouble with us is that our giving has become selfish. Too often we spend so much in the selfish type of giving that we have nothing left for the Christ Child. If we would put Christ in our Christmas we must make Him first in our Christmas giving. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has helped southern Baptist women and W.M.U. young people to exalt Jesus to the proper place in their Christmas giving. Many make this gift larger than that given to any loved one or friends. Some even make this gift to

Christ as large as the total given to all others. Such giving keeps Christ in Christmas and makes a happy season for the giver. As Anne Campbell says:

There is a Christmas angel, and I have heard her say:
 "It's giving and not getting that makes a happy day".

A Christmas kept for Christ will be a lasting Christmas. Edgar Guest says this of the Christmas spirit:

"One day the Christmas spirit reigns, Yet glad would be the world if we
 Then swiftly it forsakes us; Stayed fine as Christmas makes us".

We will stay fine as Christmas makes us if the spirit of Christ is in our hearts, leading us to observe His birthday and all the days of the year by worshiping, loving and giving to the Christmas Child.

JOY to the WORLD

Leader—"Lift up your heads, O ye gates;
 Yea, lift them up, ye everlasting doors:
 And the King of Glory shall come in".

Song—First verse of "Joy to the World" (sung by all)

Leader—"Sing unto the Lord a new song:
 Sing unto the Lord, all the earth—
 Declare His glory among the nations,
 His marvelous works among all the peoples".

Song—Second verse of "Joy to the World"

Leader—"O that men would praise the Lord for His loving kindness
 And His wonderful works to the children of men!"

Song—Third verse of "Joy to the World"

Leader—"Let the people praise Thee, O God;
 Let all the people praise Thee.
 O let the nations be glad and sing for joy;
 For Thou wilt judge the people with equity,
 And govern the nations upon the earth".

Song—Fourth verse of "Joy to the World"

SUGGESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Tell the story of how Christmas came to us.
2. Discuss Jesus as a Savior for all people.
3. How many people in the world are without Christmas?
4. Discuss the obligation of our stewardship of the Good Tidings.
5. Discuss the need of the Christmas message in southern Baptist mission lands.
6. Discuss the American Christmas—does it have Christ in it?
7. How may we put Christ into our Christmas?
8. How does the Foreign Mission Season of Prayer and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering help us to put Christ into our Christmas?

REFERENCE MATERIAL

The Window of Y.W.A.
 Home and Foreign Fields
 Southern Baptist Handbook 1937.....

—World Comrades
 —State Baptist Papers
 Dr. E. P. Alldredge



OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



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

DECEMBER'S BUSY DAYS



Every month seems busy to the successful young people's director or counselor but December may prove the busiest. First comes the observance of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Do not let a single W.M.U. young people's organization fail to share in this blessing of praying and giving. There is desperate need for prayer and gifts this year of 1937; every news dispatch tells our hearts that tragic fact, but were there not this outward need there is the inward need for spiritual blessings which come through praying and giving. Do not deprive your young people, smallest Sunbeam to grown Y.W.A. or mischievous Royal Ambassadors, of that heart blessing.

Then when the prayer season is past you will go on keeping in preparation for Christmas and for the Golden Jubilee by the use of the bookmarks so carefully prepared by Mrs. W. C. James, member of the Golden Jubilee Committee (see pages 5, 33, 34). These are for the use of Y.W.A's., not for the younger young people. Encourage the latter in wider use of the *Pray Day by Day* inside back cover page of *World Comrades*, adding a daily petition for the spiritually successful observance of the Golden Jubilee. The Golden Jubilee chairman of Y.W.A's. will be receiving the Golden Jubilee Manual. For the R.A's., G.A's. and Sunbeams the Golden Jubilee Manual will be kept by the organization counselor who will study over the plans with the Golden Jubilee chair-

man of the organization. The young people will also look to their magazines for help in their activities.

This last month you must be checking up on the Standard of Excellence also. Did you grade A-1? Splendid! Now set a firm face toward A-1 again in 1938. You didn't quite make it? Where did you fall down? Was that really impossible? Of course not—"I can do all things through Christ!" As new counselors come in or former ones continue let the experience of past months serve to point to better activities in the coming years. Do not make a complete stop and later a new start. Wise missionary education goes on without interruption. If there must be a change in leadership seek to arrange a conversation between the outgoing and incoming counselors which will help bridge the gap, otherwise momentum will be sadly lost.

Promotion service will claim attention in December or in January, whichever seems wisest in your situation. Use the promotion suggestions in the W.M.U. Year Book and add your own splendid ideas to make it an occasion of real missionary emphasis for your church congregation.

There is still quick chance for you to add to the number of debt-paying memberships and reach nearer the 50,000 goal which W.M.U. set for encouragement to the handicapped boards and other causes. Perhaps some Christmas gift money could move with rapidity, reaching the state W.M.U. headquarters before the close of the year. Wise leaders will know just how to encourage the young people who are ready to take this opportunity to help release the Christmas message around the world.



COLLEGE Y. W. A.



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MAKING the HOLIDAYS COUNT



Isn't it jolly to have college students back in the home circles, home organizations, home churches again? Some are having the real delight of coming home for the first time after several months of absence; some have had the experience before but find it always a happy one. What dear welcome can you arrange for them that will make them feel they still "belong"? And what can you plan so that the stay-at-homes will not feel unappreciated? Both these sides of the situation should be kept in mind for Christmas plans. Let the stay-at-homes have opportunity to show what they have been doing—the Y.W.A. organization records, Standard of Excellence wall chart, accounts of delightful meetings. Then let the returning students tell about their experiences which they can share. To their campus may have come a missionary, a denominational leader; perhaps a missionary son or daughter or a national is a fellow student; perhaps new recreational songs or songs of worship overlooked in your hymnal can be taught. Let your happy gathering be a time of mutual sharing, not a time of one group feeling inferior while the other is too much the center of affairs. The boys of Royal Ambassador Chapter, the girls of G.A. and the Sunbeams can all learn from these who have been away to other places. Do not let them fail to receive the impetus which can be given to their missionary interest through the first-hand knowledge that college men and women participate in mission organizations too. The days will be crowded full but your returning students will want to do some-

thing worthwhile, not fritter the days away if counselors or young people's director help them see the value of making such chapter and auxiliary visits.

There will be some young women who were loyal Y.W.A. members before college life caught them in its whirl. The wise counselor and the helpful Y.W.A. members will compass that girl so quickly with loving mission zeal that when she goes back she will change her program to include Young Woman's Auxiliary. Talk quietly and convincingly with those girls who have wandered from the way and turn them back to earnest devotion to Kingdom causes again.

But another special group should receive attention as well, the nurses in our hospitals. Some of them are organized into Grace McBride Y.W.A's., others have not that privilege yet. In most hospitals only a few nurses can leave for vacation because sickness does not time itself by holidays and the hospital staff cannot be greatly reduced, so nurses stay at their posts. Of course the hospitals usually plan some Christmas tree gaiety for both staff and patients but how much your Y.W.A's. could add by some tactful planning with the hospital superintendent and director of nurses. The nurses could come to some gracious home for a bit of joyous outing on "shifts", not being gone too long from duty. This gracious interest might lead them to a new understanding of Christmas being for all the world that would some day grow into interest forming a real Grace McBride Y.W.A.

Then the nurses in hospitals and the doctors in the town or village can tell you where your exuberant Y.W.A's. can go to feel themselves actually taking Christmas and receiving the blessed joy that comes reflected from unexpected happiness crowding out an expected drab fear that there would be no Christmas. One hesitates to think of the homes where this year no Christmas happiness can be provided from within—homes of real need, where sickness or unemployment have swallowed up the family reserve funds; to such homes Y.W.A's. can go, making this Christmas for Christ. Keep the holidays holy days which will be remembered as hallowed times by all the young people of your church.



TRAINING SCHOOL



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

FOUNDERS' DAY



The third observance of Founders' Day is now a matter of history. The speaker this year was Miss Emma Leachman, field worker of the Home Mission Board. It was a gracious providence that brought this dynamic young pioneer, Emma Leachman, into Louisville as a city missionary even before the "Home" for ambitious young women students at the Seminary was established by far-seeing Louisville women. Desiring for these young women the specific training that she herself had been denied before she entered Christian service, Miss Leachman was an untiring worker in the interest of the proposed new School. It was also a gracious providence that called this same intrepid pioneer to be a member of the faculty of this institution from the beginning of its organized life in 1907 until 1921 when she went into the larger service of the Home Mission Board. From the rich storehouse of her practical experience she made a distinct and lasting contribution to the students of that period.

In her address Miss Leachman described the small, unspectacular beginning of this work—now the joy and pride of Woman's Missionary Union—in these words: "The beginning of this School is similar to an experience told way up in the mountains almost at the summit of human experience where the ice and snow have made an effort to melt under the spell of a persistent ray of sunshine; a tiny spring of infinitesimal drops of crystal water begins to trickle down the side of the massive mountain on its way to find the big world at its base. Its movement is very slow at first, almost imperceptible, so

great are the obstructions in its pathway and so very insignificant is the little stream itself. But the ray of sunshine continues to smile in its alluring brilliance and woo the little stream farther and farther from the summit of its birth, melting a barrier here and lighting up the way around a boulder there until unconsciously it begins to grow a little and gain a little strength as it increases in size, trickles on and on until it realizes that nothing can longer retard its progress. It must somehow, sometime find its way out to the great sea because—in looking up to the summit from which it came—it remembers it was of heavenly birth and, being from the divine source of life, it must eventually accomplish the mission upon which it was first sent to trickle down the mountain side".

Then in vivid language the speaker discussed the conditions and demands that made the Training School a necessity. It had to come into being because it grew out of a recognized need.

Fitting tribute was paid to the faculty of the Seminary and the local group of women for their courage in sponsoring so new and, in the beginning, unpopular a cause. In speaking of the latter group Miss Leachman said: "No sacrifice was too great for these women to make; they did not think of new hats, new coats, trips, vacations or pleasure. Rather, the question was: 'Will we have money enough to carry on until the W.M.U. of the south realizes that her biggest door of service is open to her and decides to adopt the School?'"

In discussing the future of the Training School Miss Leachman reminded us that "His Spirit is still leading and that the future of the School will be greater, much greater than its past—the needs are greater, the vision of southern Baptists is broader and the demands for trained workers are more frequent". . . . "Lead on, oh, King Eternal!"—Carrie U. Littlejohn



MARGARET FUND



Chairman: Mrs. Frank Burney, Waynesboro, Ga.

THE following is a list of the Margaret Fund students for the year 1937-38, listed according to the states in which the colleges are located. There are 69 of these students, 14 of whom enter school in America for the first time. You will call to remembrance the unfeigned faith which dwelt first in their parents and, we are persuaded, is in them also.—Mrs. W. J. Cox, Treas.

MARGARET FUND SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS—1937-1938

ALABAMA:

Williams, Dan Smith (China) University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa

FLORIDA:

Moore, Robert (China) John B. Stetson University, DeLand

GEORGIA:

Patterson, Patay (Africa) Shuter College, Rome

KENTUCKY:

Bratcher, Lewis M.	(Brazil)	Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville
Harris, Hendon	(China)	" " " " " "
Jackson, Judson	(Brazil)	" " " " " "
Jackson, Stephen	(Brazil)	" " " " " "
Maddox, Samuel	(Japan)	" " " " " "
Medling, William	(China)	" " " " " "
Napier, Campbell	(Brazil)	" " " " " "
Bagby, Samuel	(Brazil)	Georgetown College, Georgetown
Bratcher, Robert G.	(Brazil)	" " " " " "
Maddox, Daniel A.	(Brazil)	" " " " " "
Maddox, John Ray	(Brazil)	" " " " " "
Mein, William Carey	(Brazil)	" " " " " "
Mein, David	(Brazil)	University of Louisville, Louisville
Hayes, Arnold Edmund	(Brazil)	" " " " " "

MISSISSIPPI:

Anderson, Theresa	(China)	Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain
Marriott, Cora May	(China)	" " " " " "
Yocum, Dorothy Elizabeth	(China)	" " " " " "
Conner, Helen	(Brazil)	Holmes Junior College, Goodman

MISSOURI:

Connelly, Julia Helen	(China)	William Jewell College, Liberty
Connelly, William Sears	(China)	" " " " " "
White, John	(Brazil)	Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar

NORTH CAROLINA:

Baker, Margie Nora	(Brazil)	Mars Hill College, Mars Hill
Taylor, Alfred B.	(Brazil)	" " " " " "
Green, Dorothy	(Africa)	Meredith College, Raleigh
Hamlett, Peter	(China)	Wake Forest College, Wake Forest
McMillan, Archibald	(China)	" " " " " "

OKLAHOMA:

Johnson, Claudia	(Brazil)	Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee
Johnson, Dorothy Lee	(Brazil)	" " " " " "

SOUTH CAROLINA:

Allen, James Ross	(Brazil)	Furman University, Greenville
Anderson, David	(China)	" " " " " "
Shepard, Samuel Grover	(Brazil)	" " " " " "
Watson, Benjamin M.	(Brazil)	" " " " " "
White, Max G.	(Brazil)	Greenville Woman's College, Greenville
Baker, Elsie	(Brazil)	" " " " " "
Shepard, Evelyn	(Brazil)	" " " " " "
Taylor, Clara Brown	(Brazil)	" " " " " "

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Fowler, Franklin	(Argentina)	Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City
Terry, Sam Elizabeth	(Brazil)	" " " " " "
Medling, Pauline	(Japan)	Union University, Jackson
Pattigrew, R. Edward	(Brazil)	" " " " " "
Low, Jackson	(China)	Vanderbilt University, Nashville

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Bryan, John Nelson	(China)	Baylor University, Waco
Christie, James	(Brazil)	
Calpepper, Charles	(China)	
Fielder, Wilson Jr.	(China)	
Fielder, Golda Jean	(China)	
Glass, Bryan Pettigrew	(China)	
Glass, Gertrude	(China)	
Muirhead, Dulce	(Brazil)	
Muirhead, Harry	(Brazil)	
Stapp, Wilford Lee	(Brazil)	
Taylor, Laura Jean	(Brazil)	
Deer, Virginia Ray	(Brazil)	
Lacy, Robt. William	(Brazil)	University of Texas, Austin
Moore, James Walton, Jr.	(Mexico)	San Marcos Academy, San Marcos
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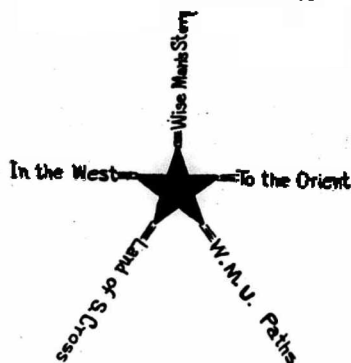
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Elder, Frank	(Argentina)	Elham College, Nottingham, England
Elder, Andrew F.	(Argentina)	Elham College, Nottingham, England
Whittinghill, Robert	(Italy)	Christ's College, Cambridge, England
Rowe, John	(Japan)	University of Redlands, Redlands, Calif.
Morgan, Virginia Buck	(Brazil)	

OUR CHRISTMAS STAR



As to 1937 ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG OFFERING

Total Receipts	\$130,769.77
Goal	\$147,000
Designations	
By States	\$11,875.45
By W.M.U.	9,761.69
Goal and Designations	\$ 21,637.14
	\$129,637.34
Unallocated	\$ 2,132.43

B.W.C. PROGRAM for WEEK OF PRAYER

(For regular monthly B.W.C. program see page 17.)

The following program is based on material in the W.M.S. folder for the Week of Prayer. If your circle has not received a copy of the folder, please immediately request one from your state W.M.U. headquarters (address on page 2).

Hymn: "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

Scripture: Isa. 53:5, 6; Heb. 2:9; Ephes. 2:8; Phil. 1:6; Rom. 10:8-13; Mark 8:34, 35; Phil. 2:3-8; Luke 15:10; I Thess. 2:19, 20; Heb. 12:2

Repeating: Heb. 12:2

Reading of Foreign Board's Appeal (See "Appeal" on page 10 of week's W.M.S. folder.)

Talk: Sowing the Gospel Seed (See article in folder, page 11.)

Prayer for South America

Hymn: "Christ for the World We Sing"

Story: One of Mexico's Christians (See story in folder, page 19.)

Story: My Christmas Present (See story in folder, page 20.)

Prayer for Mexico, Nigeria and Japan

Stories: Three Young Chinese Christians (See stories in folder, page 24.)

Prayer for China

Hymn: "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?"

Story: A Girl of James Memorial (See story in folder, page 28.)

Talk: Italian Baptist Work Today (See article in folder, page 28.)

Prayer for European Missions

Talk: "Good News" Afresh from Palestine (See article in folder, page 30.)

Explanation and Distribution of "Continuing in Prayer" Cards (See folder, pages 41, 42. See also page 5 of this magazine.)

Solo: "We Would See Jesus" (See folder, page 43.)

Silent Prayer

Gathering of Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Hymn (as Benediction): "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross"

"CONTINUING in PRAYER"



"I press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.—PHIL. 3:14"

IN just one more month the trumpet will sound proclaiming the Year of Jubilee for Woman's Missionary Union when we as "laborers together with God" will be called upon to "give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name" and in reverent gratitude to "bring an offering and come into His courts". Believing that there can be no offering more acceptable unto God than a heart perfect toward Him, a life consecrated to His service and a soul strengthened with power through His Spirit, let us pledge ourselves to unite our prayers every day from now on for this one thing that we and others for whom we pray may present ourselves approved unto God, fellow laborers strengthened with power through His Spirit. To this end, the following petitions are arranged, one for each day, for

DECEMBER, 1937

PRAY THAT

1. Those taking part in the Self-searching Program may have had their lives broadened, enriched and made more meaningful by the experience

2. Every member of the W.M.U. continue to examine her heart that she may keep the channels of her life open for the fulfilling of the Holy Spirit

3. True penitence for sins and failures may lead you to seek God's forgiveness and His guidance

4. God will give you a humble teachable heart

5. You may realize how much you need to learn to be quiet and listen for the "still small voice"

6. You may have the courage at all times to say "Thy will be done"

7. You may be faithful and persistent in Bible study, seeking to understand aright the Word of truth

8. You may have a firmer faith in the living God and in the sufficiency of Christ for your every need

9. Daily prayer may abound in your own life and that of all W.M.U. members

10. There may be an ever-increasing and more faithful use by all members of W.M.U. of the "Calendar of Prayer" in *Royal Service*

11. Parents may read the Bible with their children and that children may hear their parents' voices lifted in prayer in daily worship in the home

12. All parents may ever reflect Christ's spirit in the home

13. Your pastor may be strengthened with power through the Holy Spirit

14. You and all members of your church grow to grace, manifesting in your daily lives the fruit of the Spirit which is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, meekness and self-control

15. Your church and your society may be cheered by evidences of your spiritual growth as manifested in increased interest and helpful cooperation

16. Your church may not fail in helping southern Baptists meet their financial obligations for 1937

17. W.M.U. may meet its 1936-1937 goal for 50,000 debt-paying memberships

18. God's richest blessings may rest upon the work of other denominations and every Christian organization working for the coming of the Kingdom

19. All missionaries to China and Japan and every land may have faith to trust that men's animosity is God's opportunity

20. The nations may find Christ's way of solving all their problems

FATHER I THANK THEE

21. That "through the history of Thy dealings with one nation, Israel, we have the glorious certainty of Thy presence and power in this troubled world"

22. For the revelation of Thyself in both the Old and New Testaments

23. For the privilege of prayer and the multitude of evidences in Thy Word that Thou dost answer prayer

24. That Thy Son was once a Babe in Bethlehem and I pray that all little children may learn to know the real meaning of Christmas

25. For Christ our Savior whose words and life show us how we too may be filled with all the fulness of God

26. For those who in their lives reflected Christ's spirit and showed us the way to Him

27. For our Christian brethren and we pray we may pass it on in the fulness to those who come after

28. For that our hearts and minds may be opened for heroic and sacrificial service during the Jubilee year

29. For that love to God and to our fellow-man may be the controlling incentive for the gifts of time, talent, influence and money

30. For that all W.M.U. leaders may have grace, wisdom and courage for the tasks ahead

31. For the widening of our circle of prayer and for a larger number using the "Continuing Prayer" cards for January and February

BOOK REVIEW

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.

The Way of the Witnesses: Edward Shillito, New York, 1937; Friendship Press; Pages 152; Price, Cloth \$1, Paper 50c

DOCTOR CARVER in his *History of Christian Missions* points out the fact that the missionary method of the early Christian era was the simple one of witnessing to the things which the Lord had done, and he sets the conversion of Constantine as the approximate date for the change from this early and God-commanded method to that of promulgating a system of truth. Since all the New Testament was written within this era, it is very natural that it should be a witnessing book. The author of "The Way of the Witnesses" takes it as his thesis, therefore, that "the New Testament does not contain a section given up to missions; it is a missionary book". And it is from this delightfully refreshing point of view that he undertakes to study it. "When we read the New Testament from cover to cover", he says, "we see that it deals with one new fact, and this new fact proves to be a power newly revealed and newly released in this human scene. It is not with thought, but with action that we have to do. We see things happen and changes made in human life. The New Testament tells the beginning of a revolution which is not yet finished. We must read it in that light".

In very delightful fashion the author carries out the promise of such an introduction. There is a simplicity and charm about the book that need not deceive the reader as to the challenging quality of some of its thought. One will hardly agree with everything the author says but undoubtedly, if the reader be a thoughtful person, the book will be enjoyed.

CURRENT MISSIONARY EVENTS

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

Our task in the world is to keep alive the loving, tender, compelling Spirit of Christ. Our work will be a success in the degree that Americans and all the rest of the races and creeds and nationalities become more and more one in Christ and help people to find a oneness in Him.—Edward R. Steiner, *Noted Professor of Sociology, a Christian Jew**

Nobody is satisfied with the present condition of the world. We all want to have a better world to come. But in order to bring a better world every one in the world must be filled with the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ and be determined to offer the world to God.—T. Takamatsu, in the *Preface of His Book, "Building the New World for God", Published in Japanese**

While the Japanese government has been busy planning and waging war on China the great Kagawa has been busy, it is reported, writing a new life of Jesus which is to appear serially in one of the national periodicals. He is also engaged in seeking to give the Gospel to the seamen along the coast between Tokyo and Yokohama.

The Japanese Baptist Convention at its last meeting decided to send a missionary to their people in Manchukuo. At the dedication of this new "ambassador" to a far country, President Shimose asked that he strive to be a good soldier of Jesus Christ and a faithful evangel of the Gospel: "Shake hands with the Manchurians, the Chinese, and tell them we love them"—and the voice of the great Japanese pioneer for Christ broke with emotion—"Home and Foreign Fields" (August)

An anonymous gift of 50,000 yen has added a course of study on Christianity at the Imperial Japanese University, Kyoto. For a long time there has been a course on the religion of Buddhism.—*Watchman-Examiner*

Baptist church in Richmond, Virginia, recently brought to mind the fact that the work to win the Chinese of this city was begun years ago by Samuel C. Clopton, son of two of our earliest missionaries to China. Mr. Clopton was born in China; when he came to Richmond as pastor of a Baptist church he soon enlisted some of the most devoted members of his church as teachers for the Chinese who became interested. Each student was given personal individual instruction. A number were won to Christ and became devoted church members. The father of the young man who was recently married is a deacon in the Baptist church in which the ceremony took place.

Those who did not read "Reaching China in America" by Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence in the October number of *Home and Foreign Fields* should get a copy and read how the Rev. Shau Yan Lee, now pastor of the Chinese Baptist Church in Greenville, Mississippi, felt called of God to leave China and come to America to preach the Gospel to his own countrymen. He seems most eminently fitted to serve Christ among the more than 2000 Chinese living in the Delta of the Mississippi River.

We are told that when a Pima Indian becomes a Christian he is eager to win others. From *Monday Morning* we quote: "A Pima Indian Christian entered an exclusive shop in Pasadena, California. Conversing with the saleslady, he said: 'I suppose you attend church?' When she replied that she did not he began then and there to tell her of the love of God for His children and how He sent Jesus down to earth to save us—preaching her a short sermon right in the store. . . . proud that he could tell the story to one who hadn't yet learned to love Him'. We have many Pima Indians in our southern Baptist territory. May we be as faithful in seeking to win them to Christ!

Those of us who have learned to look forward eagerly to the coming of each copy of *Home and Foreign Fields*, knowing that it would bring to us a feast of good things, are going to miss this fine missionary magazine. This department of *Royal Service* wishes to thank the editor-in-chief and all others who contributed to it and hopes we may soon have something as worthwhile to fill the gap.

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