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EDITORIAL



WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION PROCLAIMS the JUBILEE

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



"Hearken to the sound of the trumpet!" This is the Year of Jubilee! Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, summons its members to holy remembrance and to loving loyal service. Sister organizations the world around join in celebration and in purpose to hallow this fiftieth year. To southern Baptist women and young people this shall be verily a holy year, a year dedicated to larger enlistment in the cause which gave the organization birth, the cause which has been its central guiding motive through all the years, the cause of missions which calls more insistently than ever before for further united effort to meet the world's supreme need. The sound of the trumpet is heard around the

world. Hearken and heed its call.

It summons to holy remembrance. "I am come that they might have life. . . Go ye into all the world. . . Ye shall be My witnesses". Remember the "Gift" of God, the Christian's obligation and his response, in which each member of this missionary organization is sharer. Remember twenty centuries of Christian conquest, a heritage in which each member participates. Remember the missionary awakening, the very early messengers, the first small societies which are the forbears of Woman's Missionary Union. Remember the fruits of the years and, doing so, walk the highways of the world. Remember the growing societies for women, the Sunbeam Bands, Royal Ambassadors, Girls' Auxiliary, Young Woman's Auxiliary—the outgrowth of the avowed purpose to "stimulate the missionary spirit and the grace of giving among the women and the young people of the churches". Remember "Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention"—one with the churches, supporting missions by prayer and gifts through the official boards of the Convention. Remember that our organization is a heritage to missions; then will this fiftieth year be made holy. Hearken to the sound of the trumpet as it calls to holy remembrance.

It summons to loving loyal service. Like a trumpeter upon the mountain, his notes caught up in the valleys, bears the rallying message to thousands so the cause of missions summons each loyal adherent to loving sacrificial service. "As we remember Jesus Christ, as we recall the tasks He has given men to do, as we lift up our eyes and look into the upturned faces of the thousand million people who know not God and remember that we must capture the world for Christ, we are moved to a solemn sense of our responsibility. If we are to face our task with inflexible courage and growing devotion we must cultivate the vital processes and bring to Christ the flawless wholeness of unshared hearts". To the young people of southern Baptist churches is committed the next half century of such advance in missions as will be made by our denomination. From among them must come missionary-minded pastors to shepherd the flocks, from them the missionary heralds, from them the laborers together with God to bring in His Kingdom. Dedicated youth, devoted to the Christ of missions, to you we appeal: "Set the trumpet to thy mouth", relay its glad triumphant note, rally to its call.

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OUR GOLDEN JUBILEE



Southwide Jubilee Chairman: Mrs. George McWilliams, Missouri

The GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR IS HERE



A trip through western Kansas last July brought a sight that thrilled the heart—it was wheat harvest time, it was a *bountiful* harvest. Golden blades swaying in the breeze, heavy with well filled heads of brown grain, were waiting to be cut and yield their wealth of food to a hungry world. A trip through the same territory a month later was not as beautiful to the casual observer—it was seed *planting* time. The ground was bare; men were plowing, drilling; the little seed that was being dropped was not visible to the onlooker; it took mind-seeing eyes to see the beauty of a potential harvest in the bare, black

earth that was hiding in its bosom the germ of life that—protected, sheltered and nourished—next year would again blossom into golden grain.

The preparatory Golden Jubilee plans have been the seed *planting* period that should begin showing signs of vigorous growth. There has been intensive effort to prepare the soil of our hearts through the special Golden Jubilee prayer plans presented with the plans for the usual special seasons of prayer. This preparation of our hearts has been a highly important part of the Golden Jubilee plans—it was our recognition of the necessity of becoming spiritually empowered before entering into the observance of an anniversary program. The earnest effort of the past year-and-a-half to obtain 50,000 debt-paying paid-up memberships was made in the hope that a release from debts would bring such great joy to our whole southern Baptist constituency that the undertaking of new difficult tasks would be made easy. Your participation in these preparatory plans in a large degree will be a measure of your success in the promotion of the future plans. But you may still play, and you may still help pay the debts!

Your *organization* for the Golden Jubilee should have been completed before the first day of January: if not perfected, please accomplish it forthwith. From the state on down through the last auxiliary there should be a Golden Jubilee Chairman. The chairman should have the *goals* for her or his organization worked out and written down on paper. The nebulous ten per cent should be a definite number—the ten per cent increase in membership, in organization, in gifts thought and time and prayer. The best place to begin on the ten per cent increase in gifts was (and is) the pledge to the Cooperative Program budget of your church. We shall need to guard against the danger of too much effort for the special Golden Jubilee gift with its attractive \$50-Certificates-and-Gold-Chest methods of emphasis, lest we overshadow the most important increase in our *regular* giving. Woman's Missionary Union has always been loyal to the regular program of the Southern Baptist Convention; its over-and-above love offerings have always been turned into the regular missionary program. The special Golden Jubilee gift must not take precedence over our regular giving.

The Golden Jubilee Chairmen of the states have assumed their state goals for the special Golden Jubilee gift. As rapidly as possible each division, association, society and auxiliary should take its proportionate part of that state goal. Gold chests should be made, the number of \$50-Certificates that each individual or organization can assume should be pledged. Counselors should see that their boy or

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PERSONAL SERVICE



Southwide Personal Service Chairman, Mrs. Eureka Whiteker, Kentucky

WHEN WILL OUR JUBILEE COME?

Jubilee means to us Heavenly freedom and delight. But neither Jew nor gentile has ever been willing to pay the price of its coming to earth. When will our Jubilee come?



When We Make Freedom a Fact

"Ye shall . . . proclaim liberty throughout the land"—(*Lev. 25:10*). The original jubilee meant liberation of slaves.

We have proclaimed "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" as inalienable rights. Yet, there are multitudes still in slavery. Those whose wages permit no more than the keeping of soul and body together are in slavery. Those whose produce is priced so low they have no opportunity for physical, mental and spiritual development are in slavery. Those whose debts stifle hope are in slavery.

Our application must be more than talk, more than law. "If a brother or sister be naked and in lack of daily food, and one of you say unto them: 'Go in peace, be ye warmed and filled'; and yet ye give them not the things needful to the body, what doth it profit?"—(*James 2:15*)

When We Provide for the Economic Independence of Families

"Ye shall return every man unto his possession . . . unto his family"—(*Lev. 25:11*). Cancellation of certain debts and restitution of homesteads were intended to prevent the destruction of economic independence and separation of families because of debt.

Human beings cannot maintain their freedom unless workers are given a chance to make a living for themselves and their families. If not, workers' physique, morale and morals inevitably relapse into slavery. Moreover, such slaves make their masters to be slaves. Luxurious mastery makes the master a slave to selfish desires and drags him by and by, spiritually and economically, into the slavery of his slaves.

To avoid slavery the strong must help the weak. The former master must remember that the former slave is his brother. A Philemon must heed the words of Paul concerning an Onesimus. Southern white people must help their colored neighbors. Creditors must cancel debts that would destroy economic independence. A chance to work, a chance to recover and a chance to maintain family influence must be maintained by those who have a surplus. In such ways as promote independence and develop character, the wealthy must provide economic redemption for their fellows, even as the Lord provided redemption for them (*cf. Lev. 25:39-43*). Jubilee will come when we make an economic application of the "Royal Law" (*cf. James 2:8*).

When We Live by the Word of God, Not Bread Alone

"It shall be holy . . . ye shall eat . . . of the field"—(*Lev. 25:12*). The jubilee provided for a simple life. The simple life, voluntarily undertaken, manifests willingness to share surpluses with others. Such a simple life makes dependence upon God a necessity and a joy.

Still we ask if there will be enough for us and our children (*cf. v. 20*). Still God answers, "I will command My blessing upon you". When we learn to answer the devil's temptations concerning daily bread as Jesus did, we will learn the meaning of the promise: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God . . . and all these things will be added unto you".

—Mrs. Eureka Whiteker



WATCHWORD for YEAR



Dr. Wilfred C. Tyler, Department of Bible
Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss.

"Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name: bring an offering and come into His courts"—*Psalms 96:8*.

REVERENCE and CONSECRATION

A TWOFOLD exhortation from a lyric echo of the Restoration! The Lord's people are qualified as never before to fulfill their mission to the nations. Their return from exile manifests vividly that salvation is nothing less than "the marvelous works" of the Lord (*v. 1-3*). They know that an idol is nothing; that Jehovah alone is worthy of attention and love (*v. 4-6*). They are now eager to broadcast their witness to reverence and consecration as essential to the well-being of all the nations of the earth (*v. 7-9*). They can see and sing that "the Lord reigneth" in righteousness (*v. 10-13*).

1. "Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name" (*v. 8*). The teaching of Jesus makes certain that this is the fundamental step in the coming of the Kingdom of God on earth. The first *petition* which our Lord teaches His disciples is: "Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name". Are these words taken at the value Jesus put upon them?

The most serious evil in our world, out of which we come to talk with our Father, is the absence of reverence for Him. Our world is full of sacrilege. It is God's world. He seeks to be glorified in it. But we fail to recognize Him and His rights. We fail to see in every man a potential and purposed son of God.

"My first petition must be: 'Hallowed be Thy name'. That is what I desire above all things else. And I long for . . . the love of my Father to be in all men in my world. So my first and my unending prayer is for the name—the character—of God to be recognized and responded to among men" (*Carver*).

2. "Bring an offering and come into His courts" (*v. 8*). This type of offering (*vegetable*) in the Hebrew practices of worship was primarily associated with those features which were symbolic of dedication, communion, fellowship, consecration. It accompanied the daily burnt offerings (*animal*), offerings which "symbolized entire surrender". Independent of other offerings, it was brought and offered by the high priest at his consecration and each day thereafter. When brought by priest and people it spoke to them of fellowship with God, a state of having things in common. Truly to heed the call—"Bring an offering and come into His courts"—is to enter fully into the interests, the desires, the thoughts, the plans, the purposes of God—to have them in common with Him. Such devoted fellowship calls for a full act of surrender and a resultant wholehearted attention to the affairs of God and the extension of His Kingdom in all the earth.

For this full surrender and devotion for His disciples Jesus prayed: "Consecrate them through Thy truth. As Thou has sent Me into the world, even so have I sent them into the world. And for their sakes I consecrate Myself, that they also might be consecrated and remain consecrated through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word".

"O righteous Father, the world hath not known Thee", but we have come to know Thee through Thy devoted Son. May we be wholly devoted to making known Thy name and character in all the world!



Clear as a trumpet, **ROYAL SERVICE** calls to W.M.S. members to rally enthusiastically and earnestly in celebration of the Union's Golden Jubilee. Month by month the magazine will present plans and progress of the Jubilee. You, your family, your circle, your society will richly benefit by

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EDITORIAL (Concluded from Page 4)

This is the Year of Jubilee. It is a year for holy remembrance and loving loyal service. It calls for golden deeds and golden gifts. Women, young people of Woman's Missionary Union, early bring your trophies, tokens of your love. Call others to walk and work with you. "Hearken to the sound of the trumpet". So shall you "ballow the fiftieth year".

GOLDEN JUBILEE (Concluded from Page 5)

girl auxiliary Golden Jubilee Chairmen understand and are interested in this and all other Jubilee plans.

All other goals for your organization should be set—tithes, mission study, subscriptions to magazines. This is but planning at the beginning of the year the growth you desire to make in all phases of the work, making these plans known to all your members, all working cooperatively toward these goals as your definite program.

Study the Golden Jubilee Manual. It has many programs and definite plans that will help you go forward in this history-making anniversary year.

"Pray as though everything depended upon God. Work as though everything depended upon you"—Mrs. George McWilliams

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Southwide Stewardship Chairman: Mrs. Carter Wright, Alabama

"BRING AN OFFERING"—Psa. 96:8

THE ninety-sixth psalm is one of the great Messianic prophecies of the Bible. With faith divine, the inspired poet sees the ever-widening cycles of the true religion embracing all nations. He sees the Lord—glorious in majesty, mighty in power, the righteous judge of all the earth. The heart of the psalmist overflows in grateful, exuberant song and, with clarion call, he summons the people to assemble in the courts of the Lord to "give unto Him the glory due unto His name" and to "worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness".

The entire psalm is a triumphant paean of praise and, in the very heart of it, we find these words:

"Bring an Offering".

Has the psalmist suddenly sounded a discordant note? Has he abruptly "changed the subject"? Are those three little words irrelevant? Do they lower the exalted strain?

Some would fain believe so, but not those who know THE BOOK. From the very beginning, God taught man that the offering was to be a very vital part of worship.

What is "worship"? It is the soul pouring out its adoring love and gratitude to God for redemption, preservation and His boundless love. It is a sweet savor to our God when we offer from devoted hearts the "sacrifice of praise". But our God cannot be deceived by mere words. Jesus reminded us that "they that worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth". Our songs of praise and professions of gratitude are but empty words in God's estimation unless accompanied by a worthy

offering—the proof of the sincerity of our worship.

Explicit and oft repeated was Jehovah's command: "They shall not appear before the Lord empty-handed. Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which He hath given thee". (*Deuteronomy 16 and 1 Corinthians 16 present the same plan.*)

Oh that we would realize the purpose of our loving Heavenly Father in asking—nay, commanding—man to bring an offering! It was not because of God's need. *It is a necessity for man's soul.*

The supreme quest of God, so far as we mortals know, is to capture and to hold the heart of man; and so He forged a chain of three links to bind that wayward human heart to Himself: the Sabbath, worship and an offering. If man breaks any one of these links, he surely and steadily drifts from God. (*See page 8.*)

"May Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind our wandering hearts to Thee".

"O, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" exclaims the psalmist. There can be no beauty in the empty hand, for the empty hand means the loveless heart. Ah, that is the meaning of it all! The psalmist was right when he put the reminder of the offering in the very heart of his call to worship, for the offering is the measure of our love. Our dollars speak louder than our words. They proclaim to man and to God the objects of our interest and love.

Therefore, we cannot worship with that which is cheap and shoddy. Israel tried that in the days of Malachi. As we come into His courts during this hallowed Golden Jubilee Year, let us make sure that we bring an offering fit for the King of Glory.

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BIBLE STUDY
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Ella Broadus Robertson, Kentucky

Societies, circles, families and individuals wishing a more detailed outline Bible study are referred to the "Family Altar" page with its many carefully grouped Scripture references.

DAVID'S GREAT OFFERING for the TEMPLE

I Chron. 29:1-14

AS IN our programs this year a feature is made of outstanding personalities associated with the work, we may thread our Bible studies on a similar thought, Personality and Religion. And first comes a thrilling picture of King David. First Chronicles gives us a review of David's life, with many points added to the record in the books of Samuel. We learn in ch. 9 that Samuel lived to help David organize the Levites while still in Hebron—porters, singers, care-takers in charge of the vessels of the Sanctuary and the offerings of the people. We know that later he brought up the ark to Jerusalem with great joy, and purposed to build a temple but was forbidden. Now in his old age we see him in a riper happiness, accepting God's decree and searching out, as few men would have sought, how to cooperate with that decree and prepare the work which Solomon was to fulfill (22:2-6).

Prompted by the prophet Gad, David had bought the threshing-floor of Araunah and built an altar there, where the angel had stayed his hand and spared Jerusalem in the plague. This was easily seen to be the very place for the Temple that was to be. And he had his kingdom well organized, with able civil and military officers, and tribal rulers well established. God gave a time of peace after David's many wars, and David prepared "with all his might", as he did everything else, for this great enterprise. Let us see what lessons are here for us in our efforts for Christ's Kingdom.

1. He gave out of a disappointed heart, but not a bitter heart. He gave with prayer and thankfulness.
2. He raised money in many ways. For instance (26:27), out of the spoil won in battle through the years not only David but his captains and chief men had been dedicating treasures in keeping of the Levites.
3. He made the people enjoy sharing in the gift. As in the days of the making of the tabernacle, there was a joyous outpouring, on a far greater scale, of gold and silver, brass, iron and precious stones. Life is short, give while you may! (v. 15)
4. He set a royal example. His private fortune was great (27:25-31), and he had turned much of it into silver and gold for the Temple of his dreams.
5. He had planned far ahead for this day. The plans for the Temple were drawn, with the blessing of God, even "Solomon's Porch", ready to turn over to the builders. Priests and Levites, orchestra and singers (*including a women's chorus*), all were trained. The whole organization of his kingdom headed up towards the service of God.
6. He laid the glorious task upon his son (28:9, 10), giving him honor before the people as now their actual king, crowned with all Israel's love for David and David's love for God.
7. They gave that others might do what they could not do. Is not this true of all our gifts to missions?

Calendar of Prayer
January, 1938

Prepared by Mrs. Maud R. McLure, Georgia

WE BREAK new seas today—
 Our eager keels quest unaccustomed waters
 And, from the vast uncharted waste in front,
 The mystic circles leap
 To greet our prow with mightiest possibilities,
 Bringing us—what?

Dread shoals and shifting banks?
 And calms and storms?
 And valiant fighting times?
 And, maybe, death!—and so, the larger Life!

For, should the Pilot deem it best
 To cut the voyage short,
 He sees beyond the sky-line and,
 He'll bring us into Port!—*John Oxenham*

Topic: "Shrines—with Retiring"

1—SATURDAY

Pray for Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, president of W.M.U., Auxiliary to S.B.C.
 Yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it—Psa. 90:17

2—SUNDAY

Pray that southern Baptists may be a tithing people.
 I will surely give the tenth unto Thee.—Gen. 28:17

3—MONDAY

For Mrs. H. R. Moseley (*Elna Olliphant*), Miss Mildred Matthews and Rev. and Mrs. N. Garcia (*Amada Rosa y Torres*), Havana, Cuba
 I will extol Thee, my God—Psa. 145:1

4—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Leonard (*Eric Corbett*), Rev. and Mrs. Victor Koon (*Aurora Hargrave*) and Miss Reba Stewart, evangelistic work, Harbin, Manchuria
 Let them that seek Thee rejoice.—Psa. 70:4

5—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. A. Puccastelli (*Mary Dupree*) and Miss Bertha Wallis, missionaries to Italians, Birmingham, Ala.
 Deliver me, for I do not forget Thy law.—Psa. 119:153

6—THURSDAY

For W.M.U. officers and other members of Executive Committee
 Thy prayers and thine alms are come up before God.—Acts 10:4

7—FRIDAY

For Misses Jane W. (*an outcast*) and Florence Lide and Doris Knight, evangelistic and educational work, Hwang-Hsien, China
 For the Father Himself loveth you.—John 16:27

8—SATURDAY

For all state W.M.U. secretaries, committee chairmen and W.M.U. workers
 So will we sing and praise Thy power.—Psa. 21:13

9—SUNDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Blake, Rev. and Mrs. N. Bellamy (*Sybil Eva Cohen*) and Rev. and Mrs. V. T. Yearwood (*Rhoda Drayton*), West Indian workers in Panama Canal Zone
 O satisfy us early with Thy mercy.—Psa. 90:14

10—MONDAY

For annual sessions of W.M.U. of Florida, First Church, Jacksonville, Jan. 10-13
 Be ye steadfast.—I Cor. 15:58

Calendar of Prayer for January

11—TUESDAY

For Mrs. E. N. Walne (*Claudia McCann*) and Mrs. J. H. Rowe (*Carrie B. Cates*), emeritus missionaries from Japan; also for John Rowe, Margaret Fund student
My lips shall utter praise.—Psa. 119:171

12—WEDNESDAY

For approaching mid-year meeting of W.M.U. Executive Committee and state corresponding secretaries, Birmingham, Ala.
I have loved thee with an everlasting love.—Jer. 31:3

13—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. M. K. Cobble (*Lola Palmer*), mountain missionaries, Andersonville, Tenn.
Thy face, Lord, will I seek.—Psa. 27:8

14—FRIDAY

For S.B.C. boards, agencies and kindred interests
We are more than conquerors through Him.—Rom. 8:37

15—SATURDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Bagby (*Ana Larber*), emeritus missionaries from Brazil
Whoso offereth praise, glorifieth Me.—Psa. 50:23

16—SUNDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Lopez (*Gregoria Lazo*), workers among Mexicans, Lubbock, Tex.
Thou, Lord, art good and ready to forgive.—Psa. 86:5

17—MONDAY

For Dr. M. T. Rankin, secretary for the orient, Mrs. Rankin (*Valerie Cresceme*) and Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Tipton (*Mary Bryson*), evangelistic and educational work, Shanghai, China
Casting all your care upon Him—I Pet. 5:7

18—TUESDAY

For Miss Kathleen Mallory, managing editor, and other editors of *Royal Service*
He will love thee and bless thee.—Deut. 7:13

19—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Louis Gloria, workers among Mexicans, Carrizo Springs, Tex.
The just shall live by faith.—Hab. 2:4

20—THURSDAY

For Misses Kate Murray, Grace Stribling and (on furlough) Gertrude Trainham, evangelistic and medical work, Chengchow, China
Come unto Me and I will give you rest.—Matt. 11:28

21—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. D. H. LeSueur (*Allie Roberts*) and Rev. G. H. Lacy, emeritus missionaries from Mexico; also for Robert Willingham Lacy, Margaret Fund student
The faithful God, who keepeth covenant.—Deut. 7:9

22—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. R. M. Averitt (*Floy Gary*), missionaries to Indians, Calvert, Ala.
Mine eyes shall be on the faithful of the land.—Psa. 101:6

23—SUNDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. T. B. Hawkins (*Louella Combs*), evangelistic work, Ralcala, Argentina
Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.—Eph. 6:10

24—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. S. J. Townshend (*Sarah Crook*)—on furlough—and Mrs. Olive Riddell, evangelistic work, Kweichow, China
For God hath not given us the spirit of fear but of power.—II Tim. 1:7

25—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Newbrough (*Eloise S.*), Baptist Rescue Mission, New Orleans, La.
He forgetteth not the cry of the humble.—Psa. 9:12

26—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Powell (*Rose Hockett*), Misses May Edgel Perry, Elma Elam, Shaki, Nigeria, and Effie Gardner, Abeokuta (*temporarily*), evangelistic and educational work
He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust.—Psa. 103:14

27—THURSDAY

For Misses Juynita Byrd and Edyth Boyd, Shanghai Divyrd
Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.—Psa. 145:3

Calendar of Prayer for January

28—FRIDAY

For Dr. M. N. McCall, superintendent Cuban Mission, and Mrs. McCall (*Mabel Lipscomb*), Havana, Cuba
We trust in the living God—I Tim. 4:10

29—SATURDAY

For Mrs. A. L. Dunstan (*Sadie Siney*) and (on furlough) Miss Pearl Dunstan, evangelistic work, Pelotas, Brazil
We love Him because He first loved us.—I John 4:19

30—SUNDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Nils J. Bengtson (*Ella Jonsson*), educational and evangelistic

work, Barcelona, Spain, but now to Sweden because of war

The Lord preserveth the faithful.—Psa. 31:23

31—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Hancock (*Budda Marie*), missionaries to Indians, McAlester, Okla.

I will give thanks unto Thee forever.—Psa. 30:12

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WHEN YOUR CIRCLE STUDIES "He That Giveth"

by John E. Simpson the following suggestions for teaching by Mrs. J. H. McClain, State Stewardship Chairman of Texas W.M.U., will prove definitely helpful.

General Suggestions—Insist on every woman bringing her Bible each time. Read Scriptures from Bible instead of textbook. Urge that whole chapters be read instead of just the verse in preparation. Keep stewardship covenant cards on hand at every meeting hoping to enlist some each time 'til all have signed (see pages 35-36 of this magazine). Have use of blackboard if possible. If not, secure from printer's shop newspaper size sheets of paper and use crayola for pencil. Use last sentence of preface as impetus to the study.

Chapter I—In establishing God's right to ownership of all, have some one tell (1) how legal rights to property are guaranteed, (2) how a patent is secured and what rights it carries, (3) the same about a copyright, (4) the significance of a proclamation. From a school library get a copy of the proclamation at Columbus' discovery of America and have it read to class.

Chapter II—Give origin of word *steward*; it may be secured from a dictionary or from *Stewardship Parables of Jesus* by Long, chapter 2. Poster suggestions: (1) On one half sheet picture bank robbers carrying bags of money out; on other half, people going away from church building with bags of money with *tithe* written on them; (2) use figures on page 32 and put, at top, words at top of page 33.

Chapter III—Have some one explain an auditor's requirements for accounts to balance. Define assets; liabilities. Classify on

board assets and liabilities under God's audit for (1) nations (2) churches (3) individuals; climax with personal application. Pass papers out, asking each one to classify her own assets and liabilities as God sees them. After a few moments of silent meditation close. Each one takes papers home and finishes classifications. Poster suggestion: on cardboard heart write greed, covetousness, prodigality, miserliness; on another heart the same size write "Law of Stewardship" Place no. 2 over no. 1 and note effect

Chapter IV—Place outline on board and have it given as a history lesson, having made assignments beforehand. Poster suggestions: draw a house of worship with door closed; write over the doorway the word *Reveal*; on the closed door write the word *Tithe*.

Chapter V—On the board draw a line through the center vertically, on each side of which outline the two periods; give for each its ideal, aim, exponents and what produced, the first one being midnight darkness of the centuries (read Dan. 4:19-33) the second producing light and life (read Phil. 2: 5-11). Use the poem and the stories, good readers giving them.

Chapter VI—Have prepared for each member of class a sheet or folder (as elaborate or simple as you choose) on which are the questions beginning at bottom of page 83 continuing through page 87. Give Scripture references for answers in the Bible as are given in every case and ask each member to answer personally these questions concerning her giving. Have free expressions as to the personal value of the book. Have good storyteller to tell Dickens' story of *Old Scrooge*.



FAMILY ALTAR



Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

TOPIC: "SHEAVES—with REJOICING"—Deut. 29:29

"The secret things belong with the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law". Joel 1:3—"Tell ye your children of it . . ."

"These Words . . . in Thine Heart"

1st Day—Deut. 1:6-14

2nd Day—Deut. 1:16-29

3rd Day—Deut. 1:30-40

4th Day—Deut. 2:1-9

5th Day—Deut. 2:24-28

6th Day—Deut. 4:1-9

7th Day—Mark 10:13-16 (Memory)

"Shalt Talk of Them . . . in Thine House"

15th Day—Deut. 4:20-27

16th Day—Deut. 4:29-31

17th Day—Deut. 4:39, 40, 44, 45

18th Day—Deut. 5:1-10

19th Day—Deut. 5:11-21

20th Day—Deut. 5:22-33

21st Day—Mark 10:13-16 (Memory)

"Feed My Lambs"

"Shalt Teach Them unto Thy Children"

8th Day—Matt. 5:1-10

9th Day—Matt. 5:11-20

10th Day—Matt. 6:1-13

11th Day—Matt. 6:14-30

12th Day—Matt. 7:1-11

13th Day—Matt. 7:12-21

14th Day—Mark 10:13-16 (Memory)

22nd Day—Mark 1:9-11

23rd Day—Mark 1:16-18

24th Day—Mark 1:29-34

25th Day—Mark 2:1-5, 10, 11

26th Day—Mark 3:1-5

27th Day—Mark 3:13-19

28th Day—Mark 3:31-35

29th Day—Mark 4:1-9

30th Day—Mark 4:10-20

31st Day—Mark 10:13-16

"Pray Ye"

Ascribing all praise to God—the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Resolving to be much in prayer throughout the new year

Interceding for your home, circle, society and church that each will this year glorify God by deeper devotion to His Kingdom

Remember especially the Golden Jubilee: its emphasis on spiritual values; its organizational and financial goals.

Pray for all W.M.U. work in your church—officers and committees of society; counselors of W.M.U. young people; efforts to be A-1 and to increase number of tithees.

Intercede for those responsible for preparing for March Week of Prayer for Home Missions, February 28-March 4 inclusive.

Pray that 1938 Annie W. Armstrong Offering may far exceed its \$125,000 goal by the leading of God's Spirit.

Pray that gleanings may be carefully made and promptly forwarded for 1937 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Intercede for God's "good success" in special emphasis upon Baptist Hundred Thousand Club.

"Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name!"



BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES



Miss Inabelle Coleman, Virginia

SUGGESTIONS—Much interest can be stimulated through a simple scheme of golden links cut from gold paper. This may be a progressive project growing from month to month throughout 1938. The center of this construction should be a globe placed on a table or in a sand table. At four corners construct small golden poles similar to miniature May poles. As members arrive give them golden links and let them, after writing their names on the reverse side, join their links, thus making a golden chain of their lives. Let them encircle the world with this chain, hanging it to the poles. Explain that every member may add to her link other golden links expressing her golden self in this golden year. Surely all will want to add during this meeting a link for prayers pledged and for gifts promised. Others may want to add a golden link for personality rededicated to Kingdom growth for the world for 1938. New Year's resolution links of consecration that will strengthen the golden chain about the world may appeal to other groups. This suggestion is so flexible that it yields easily to enlargement and many modifications.

THEME: "Sheaves—with Rejoicing"

—TOPIC: Links of Gold

Links of Golden Praise: "Praise Him, Praise Him"

Links of Golden Prayer: Chain of Prayer Links (Pages 11-14, 33, 34)

Links in a Story of Gold: I Chron. 29:1-14 (Page 10)

Links of Worship: "O Worship the King"

Links with "The Dawn of a Golden Year" (Page 18)

Links "Along a Golden Path" (Page 19)

Linking with "A Golden Today" (Page 21)

Links of Golden Music: "Shout the Glad Tidings"

Linking with "A Golden Plan" (Page 22) —*Linking with "Golden Allies"* (Page 23)

Links of Triumph: "Lead On, O King Eternal"

Linking with "Our Golden Outlook" (Page 24)

Linking with "A Golden Leader" (Page 17)

Links of Binding Love: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Links of Benediction

A GOLDEN FIFTEEN

THE program called for the convening of the Regional (Hungary, Austria, Jugoslavia and Czechoslovakia) Convention of Woman's Missionary Union in Budapest, Hungary, at 2 P.M. But the men ran overtime during their morning session and delayed the women in serving them lunch. Two o'clock arrived and the president was still commanding the feeding of the multitude of men in the improvised dining room nearby. Quite a few women had assembled on time. The First Church was more than half full already. And there was one little woman present whose rule of life of punctiliousness could not let her allow the initial session of W.M.U. to begin late. Quietly, unassumingly she stood before the convention and announced the W.M.U. hymn-for-year. Using her index finger as a baton for keeping time, she led the singing of that hymn. No instrumental accompaniment for the organist was late, too! No shouting and urging the women to sing! Somehow this was not necessary. They had learned long ago to follow this little woman. Such hearty, enthusiastic singing, we had scarcely ever heard before. And the gentle, loving prayer of praise and petition for guidance that followed set the spiritual tempo for the hour and for the president who had arrived during the hymn. It seemed providential for us that this little woman of many years beyond her golden birthday should open this convention. Our reminiscences warmed our hearts with praises for her pioneering and patience. It was April 12, 1923, in this same city that she had led a small group of these Hungarian women to organize their Woman's Missionary Union. For ten years she led them as president. When she resigned they made her president emerita. And she continues to work, harder than ever, turning her energies now to the organizing and guiding of the young people. The next time we found her she was at the Hungarian National Baptist Youth Camp at Tabi, in the Y.W.A. Conference circle. They called her "Mother Udvarnoki". Smiling she said: "Take our greetings to our sisters in America for their Golden Year. While theirs is fifty, ours will be only fifteen—but they are golden years, too!"



PROGRAM PLANS



Mrs. T. M. Pittman, North Carolina

With the PROGRAM COMMITTEE

1938—A Golden Jubilee Year to each member of every program committee! With what high hopes, joyous anticipation and earnest determination we should enter the open door of this Fiftieth Anniversary Year of our W.M.U. Will not each program committee pray fervently that their efforts may deepen the interest, increase the membership and enlarge the gifts of the societies they serve?

First, the committee must be equipped for work. Of course one or more copies of *Royal Service* will be indispensable. The Year Book for 1938 and the Manual of Golden Jubilee should be kept at hand for reference. *The Window of Y.W.A.* and *World Comrades* often offer fine helps even for our women's societies. And at the end of the year, pass these magazines on to some weak societies, for mission information is not out of date in a year.

The chairman of the committee will need to study with pencil and note book for her work. The objectives of 1938 are clearly set out in the Year Book. The responsibility for their attainment lies largely with the kind of program presented to the society. The following suggestions are offered.

At the meeting to plan for the January meeting invite the president of the society and the Jubilee chairman. Ask them to explain the year's program and the special points to be reached. If these two cannot meet with the committee, the following study should be made.

1. The Jewish Year of Jubilee (*Leviticus 25*)
2. Aims for the Jubilee Year (*Year Book for 1938*), a. Financial (*pages 18, 60, 63, 64*), b. Mission Study (*page 48*), c. Personal Service (*page 59*), d. Stewardship (*page 60*), e. Enrollment and Extension (*page 44*).

With all of this clearly in mind the committee will be prepared to plan for the year. The topics appear on pages 10-13 of the Year

Book. It will be a great help to the committee to outline the year's work, though changes may have to be made as the meetings fall due. But a year's plan will keep the committee from rushing at the last minute to the same one or two women who are capable and willing. Try to work in new women, giving them the easier parts for a first appearance. The society will approve, for "that same Mrs. Blank" gets to be monotonous even though she speaks interestingly.

The theme for the year is "Sheaves—with Rejoicing". The emblem of the year is the golden trumpet. A beautiful year's poster might be made combining the two. On the membership record chart a sheaf may be added each month that new members are received, and a golden trumpet each quarter that the financial goal to that date has been reached.

For the January meeting, decorate the place of meeting with gold tinsel left from Christmas and large Jubilee emblems of sheaves and trumpets. A trumpet may be given to the circle having the largest attendance, and a sheaf to each circle having gained one or more members. See which circle has won the greatest number at the end of the year.

A talk on the Golden Jubilee Year may be made by the chairman of this work as an opening to the program following the devotional service. This talk must be brief but should acquaint the society with the definite plans for the year.

"Along a Golden Path" and "A Golden Today" may be combined into one talk. The woman's hymn, "Come Women, Wipe Proclaim", is suggested and is so appropriate that it should not be omitted. The last topics, "A Golden Plan", "Golden Allies", and "Our Golden Outlook" may be shortened into one talk. (*See pages 19-25.*)

By making the above talks very brief, there may be time for an explanation of the "Gold Chest" and "Fifty Dollar Certificates" (*Manual of Golden Jubilee, pages 16-19*). These may be mentioned in the first talk given by the chairman of the Jubilee. At the close of the meeting she may stress this part, show the certificate and chest and explain plans for having these certificates ordered and the chest used.

The committee should make this a joyous meeting—joyous over the memories of past blessings and of a new year of greatly enlarged opportunities of service.

A Golden Leader

DR. JAMES EDGAR DILLARD



One bright Sunday morning, the hostess at Southside Church, Birmingham, greeted two attractive ladies who came into the lobby. "We are glad to have you worship with us today; will you please sign the Guest Register?"

While chatting, the older sister remarked: "We understand that your minister, Dr. Dillard, was born in Virginia". The Guest Hostess replied: "Yes, he is proud to tell of his birth in a plain house at the foot of White Oak Mountain".

Quoting him:—At the age of ten he took his parents by the hand and led them into the west, stopping in Illinois for two or three years and then on to St. Louis. He was educated in the public schools and at William Jewell College and took courses in higher institutions.

At the age of sixteen he began preaching and at twenty-two assumed duties of a college president. Thinking a partnership might make success an assurance, he married in 1903 Lillian Leona Madison, vocal teacher in the college. Those who have had contact with the charming personality of Mrs. Dillard realize that she has had much to do with the success of her husband.

The time came when there must be a choice between college work and that of the pastorate. He chose the pastorate. Macon, Missouri, was the first field of service, then Delmar, St. Louis, and the First Church in St. Joseph. Then the call came to the state whose name means "Here We Rest", but his vigorous service displayed a spirit of endeavor not only in his chosen city of Birmingham but in the state of Alabama as well. His willing spirit of helpfulness reached over the south.

After eighteen years of giving and sharing through the home base of Southside Church he was called to be the daily servant of southern Baptists, in the capacity of Director of Promotion. The love of the Southside Church for Dr. Dillard was shown by the fact that on the day when his resignation as pastor was accepted the church voted that he become its honorary pastor. In November Dr. and Mrs. Dillard were invited to be the guests of the church on the occasion when a tablet was unveiled designating the educational building as *Dillard Hall*, "affectionately named in honor of James Edgar Dillard, D.D., LL.D."

Dr. Dillard interprets his task of Director of Promotion as that of helping to promote the whole program of southern Baptists. His motto is "All Our People in All Our Work!" He is greatly loved throughout the south; and his heart of gold, devoted to the cause of promoting the Kingdom of Jesus through the missionary program of southern Baptists, makes him truly a Golden Leader.



PROGRAM for JANUARY



The list of reference material given at class 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: "SHEAVES - - with REJOICING"—Psalm 126:6

TOPIC for MONTH: Southern Baptists: "Sheaves - - with Rejoicing"

Hymn for the Year—Come Women, Wide Proclaim (See inside front cover page of 1938 Year Book.)

Permanent Watchword—Laborers Together with God—*I Cor. 3:9*

Watchword for Year—Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His Name; bring an offering and come into His courts.—*Psa. 96:8*

Bible Study—David's Great Offering for the Temple—*I Chron. 29:1-14 (Page 10)*

Prayer that this may be a year when we shall bring great offerings for the Kingdom of God

Hymn—Christ for the World We Sing —The Dawn of a Golden Year

Along a Golden Path —A Golden Today

Hymn—The Kingdom Is Coming —Golden Allies

A Golden Plan —Reaping with Joy

Prayer for all cooperative work of southern Baptists

The Golden Outlook

Hymn—Jesus Shall Reign

Prayer that we may make this a golden year by measuring up to the golden opportunities which are ours

The DAWN of a GOLDEN YEAR

Wherein a New Year enters,
And in its dawn we see
A year foretold in shining gold,
Of joyous Jubilee.



The dawn of every new year is significant. It is a time for looking both backward and forward—backward to review the events of the past year and forward with resolves to make the year ahead more successful and more joyous than any past year has been. The dawn of this new year is of special significance to Woman's Missionary Union because it is our Golden Jubilee. Yes, the W.M.U. of the south, as well as that of many states, is fifty years old this year. Combining the usual token of fiftieth anniversaries—GOLD—with the Bible word for the fiftieth year—JUBILEE—we are calling our celebration the GOLDEN JUBILEE. What a beautiful name it is, suggesting the glitter, glamor and glory of gold together with happy, hilarious, heart-felt jubilee rejoicing!

So the Golden Year dawns and with it the desire that it shall be truly a golden year for our beloved W.M.U. Let us resolve to fill the year with golden memories, golden prayers, golden gifts and golden service.

"SHEAVES WITH REJOICING" is the theme of our program topics for the year. A most appropriate theme it is for the Golden Jubilee—GOLDEN SHEAVES WITH JUBILEE REJOICING. The program will lead us to gather golden sheaves in many lands as we see the glorious achievements of fifty years of missionary work; and surely there will be jubilee rejoicing as we plan to go on to still more golden years in the service of our King.

Now dawns a Golden Year,
A Year of Jubilee,
When we rejoice with heart and voice
From mountain to the sea,
Because of golden victories won
And fifty years of service done.

We'll fill our Golden Year
With happy memories;
And sheaves of gold our arms enfold
Will tell the victories,
Attained through vision high and clear
And faithful service year by year.

While gathered golden sheaves
Make glad the festive year,
The backward view will but renew
Our vision high and clear.
Each sheaf becomes a promise high
Of greater harvests by and by.

Along a GOLDEN PATH

Wherein with golden memories
A golden path appears,
Which leads us back along the track
Of fifty golden years.

AT THE beginning of this Golden Year let us follow the golden path of history back to fifty years ago. In 1888—fifty years ago—our Woman's Missionary Union was organized. But our golden path leads us back of that time—much farther back to review the events which culminated in that momentous occasion of organization.

It is interesting to note the gradual steps by which the Baptists of America learned the value of cooperative effort in missionary work. Away back in the early days of the history of our country there were Baptists. These distinguished themselves not only in their stand for religious liberty but in their missionary zeal. When persecuted because of their stand for religious liberty, "they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the Word". Their early missionary efforts were for the most part among the Indians; it was of the individual type, without any organization. Gradually as years passed by and the Baptists became more numerous, they realized that they would gain strength by coming together and so the district associations were organized. This was their first effort at organization and we know today that the district association is of inestimable value in our scheme of organized work.

In the course of time American Baptists found themselves with two missionaries in India. We know the story of how the Judsons and Luther Rice went out as Congregationalists and then became Baptists, and how Luther Rice came back and traveled up and down the length and breadth of our land, rallying and organizing southern Baptists for the support of the Judsons who remained in Burma. We know how, as a result, the Triennial Convention was organized and

how this convention continued to be the missionary organ of all American Baptists until 1845 when northern and southern Baptists separated, forming two conventions.

The women had their part in these early days when Baptists were gradually learning to cooperate. They not only cooperated in every missionary movement launched by the men, but they soon began forming organizations of their own. The first of these was "The Boston Female Society for Missionary Purposes", organized by a cripple, Miss Mary Webb, and composed of fourteen women—eight Baptists and six Congregationalists. Miss Webb also organized the "Children's Cent Society", which was probably the first missionary organization for children and a forerunner for our Sunbeam movement. It is said that through the influence of this consecrated cripple a hundred and twenty societies sprang up in different parts of the country. The first society that we know of on southern Baptist territory was the famous Wadmalaw and Edisto Society, near Charleston, S. C.

These early societies were at first interested only in home missions, working mostly among the Indians. Then, as the foreign mission impulse was quickened by reports from the Judsons and by Luther Rice's impassioned pleas, the societies already formed began to add foreign missions to their program of work, and other societies were organized for the expressed purpose of supporting the foreign missions in Burma. Luther Rice fostered and encouraged the work among the women and in his second annual report of the Baptist Board of Missions to the Triennial Convention, after giving a list of seventy-two women's societies, exclaimed: "Indeed the great numbers and rapid increase of these laudable Female Institutions cannot fail to create emotions most lively and gratifying—hopes and anticipations of the most ardent and animated nature".

Most of these early societies were called Female Mite (OR CENT) Societies, "suited their name to the ability of the women who did not hold the purse strings of the day". Their individual gifts were probably small, but the total amounts proved their earnestness. In a list of societies reporting to an early meeting of the Triennial Convention, one expected to give the following year \$350; several thought they could give as much as \$250; one set as a goal \$500; and the Savannah Baptist Society for Foreign Missions hoped to reach the large sum of \$1000 "through the distinguished zeal, activity and liberality of its members". These women gave not only money but service. Consecrated needles were kept busy in the sewing circles, the proceeds of which were devoted to foreign missions and "the old ladies were constantly employed in knitting socks for the missionaries in Burma". Missionary boxes were sent not only to Indian settlements and other home fields, but also to the foreign field. There is a record of the Bethel Female Society of Kentucky, consisting of twenty-four members, sending a valuable box of clothing of their own manufacture to the Carey station in India. A society in South Carolina once sent an offering to help the work of Oncken, the great Baptist apostle to northern Europe.

In 1845, when the Southern Baptist Convention was organized, the multiplying Women's Missionary Societies fully participated in the enthusiastic plans of the new convention. Already state conventions had been organized in many southern states, the women joining in all the work of these. The War between the States brought a break in missionary work but after it was over "mission hearted women gathered again, societies were reorganized and began work once more".

The time came when women began to realize that more organization was needed. The states began to form Central Committees, thus bringing the work of each state together. Then, realizing that what was good for the states was good for the convention as a whole, a circular letter was sent from Baltimore to the organizations in all the states suggesting a cooperation among all societies in all the

states. Similar circular letters continued to go out from Baltimore to the states, binding the women's organizations together in closer ties of cooperation.

Did all this work go on without opposition? Not so! Many pastors were indifferent and others openly opposed the movement. Some deacons thought the women would "break up the churches", while others pronounced it as the "entering wedge to women's rights". It is little wonder that we find, in one of the early reports, these words: "I pray God to enlighten the hearts of our benighted husbands and show them their error".

In spite of all opposing forces the movement grew until there was no stopping it. And on Friday, May 11, in Richmond, Virginia, in the Sunday school room of the Broad Street Methodist Church, thirty-two delegates met and organized the Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. The story of this organization meeting will be told so many times during the year that it is not needful to give it in detail here. Suffice it to say that in a spirit of quietness, earnestness and devotion, the women organized and that an Executive Committee was appointed with a twofold object: "First, to distribute missionary information and stimulate effort through the State Central Committees where they exist, and where they do not encourage the organization of new societies. Second, to secure the earnest and systematic cooperation of women and children in collecting and raising money for missions". From the beginning it was an auxiliary organization—"money was to be raised, but reported through state channels and expended by the already established Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention".

So did our beloved W.M.U. start on its path which becomes to us this year a golden path. It is a path that has been rugged at times and infested with many opposing forces, but it has pushed itself on through the years and shines today with the light of golden service, golden achievements and golden hopes.

A GOLDEN TODAY

Wherein we catch a vision
Of glorious today,
With golden light of service bright
Reflected in its ray.

THE golden path of history brings us to a golden today. Surely we have every reason to celebrate our Golden Anniversary with grateful joy as we behold our glorious W.M.U. of today. The golden cord of her service has woven itself into a beautiful piece of tapestry, covering all Southern Baptist Convention states. In this cord are the threads of 34,228 organizations with 595,852 members. These expressed their love last year with a golden gift amounting to \$2,165,786.57. Running out from the W.M.U. of the south are golden lines reaching to many lands where through our missionary work other women have formed W.M.U. organizations, thus carrying the golden thread of W.M.U. service to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Dr. J. B. Lawrence, in reporting on W.M.U. work at New Orleans last year, paid a tribute to the organization in the following well chosen words:

"Woman's Missionary Union is a mighty arm of power to the denomination. Its outlook is to the broad horizons of world service, its activities are cultural, its atmosphere is explicitly devout, its money-raising programs are avenues through which devout hearts register their love and devotion to a great cause, and its societies in the churches give a church-wide fellowship throughout the whole denomination.

"Through all the years Woman's Missionary Union has remained true to the missionary ideals of the New Testament. In many places and in many denomina-

tions the emergence of the immediate social order as a neglected field of Christian operation has somewhat eclipsed the missionary movement. But at a time when the more cynical of missionary critics are saying that much of the missionary enthusiasm was a compensatory activity for the church's unwillingness to face the more vast and more delicate—and less romantic—questions of Christianization which lie within our economic, our political, our inter-racial and our cultural society at home, Woman's Missionary Union has, by its devotion to missions at home and abroad, demonstrated that the deepest concern and the most earnest efforts for the development of a Christ-like social order in the homeland can go along with the deepest concern and the most sacrificial service for the evangelization of the lost in lands afar".

A GOLDEN PLAN

Wherein we see a golden plan
Of our denomination;
Whereby we give and work and live
In full cooperation.

AS WE walked for a bit on the golden path of W.M.U. history we noticed how southern Baptists gradually learned the value of cooperation. A great forward step in cooperation was taken twelve years ago when the Cooperative Program was adopted as the Southern Baptist Convention plan of support of all its benevolent and missionary causes.

Its Origin—This plan grew out of the Seventy-Five Million Campaign. In this campaign southern Baptists for the first time placed all their agencies into one great financial program. Before that each cause of the denomination had its agents working to get money. The agent that reached a congregation first and could make the most appealing plea got the most money. In the Seventy-Five Million Campaign a plea was made for one gift to support all causes, and the money received was allocated to the different agencies according to percentages agreed upon by all. At the close of the five year period of the campaign the question arose, "What now?" No one wanted to go back to the old haphazard method of raising money, so the leaders of our denomination worked out the plan known as the Cooperative Program, following the general methods of the Seventy-Five Million Campaign.

Its Scope—The Cooperative Program is our plan for enlisting all of our people in all of our work. It seeks to lead all of our people to carry out the whole program of Jesus—preaching, teaching, healing. "It is simply the scaffolding around the world from which we may build up the Kingdom of God". It is not an end within itself, but a means to an end. We give not *to* the program but, *through* it, to all of our benevolent and missionary causes. Its ideal is that all southern Baptists shall join their forces for the adequate support of the SEVEN GREAT CAUSES: ORPHANAGES, OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, HOSPITALS, STATE MISSIONS, HOME MISSIONS AND FOREIGN MISSIONS—with fairness to all and partiality to none.

Its Efficiency—By this plan we have organized our constituency and causes in such a way as to make our money go the farthest and produce the best results. It is fair, providing for each agency in proportion to its relative needs. It is economical, eliminating the necessity of having many paid agents to represent our causes. It is efficient because it is fair, economical, sane, sensible and comprehensive.

Its Fellowship—Perhaps the best part of the Cooperative Program is its fellowship. It fosters fellowship between the agencies. Since each agency knows that it will receive only its proportional part of the funds given it does not emphasize unduly its claim to the neglect or detriment of other causes, but it is interested in

the welfare of all. Then it produces fellowship among the people. It is the golden cord binding us together in one great southern Baptist family, working together with God for the promotion of His Kingdom. Moreover it promotes fellowship between individual Baptists and the great causes of our denomination. "It enables each contributor, however small, to have some part in the whole program of his denomination and to minister to people in the name of Christ day and night around the world every time he gives. Thus his vision and interests are enlarged". Because he is giving to all causes he has fellowship with all causes.

The W.M.U. has been an auxiliary of the Cooperative Program from its very beginning. In fact it is a fundamental principle of the W.M.U. to cooperate in all financial plans of the Southern Baptist Convention. We urge all members of our organization to bring their Cooperative Program gifts to the Lord's house on each Lord's day. This is our first financial obligation. We make our apportionments on the basis of these gifts. In many states all other gifts are extras, not counted on the apportionment, but are given over and above our pledges to the Cooperative Program. So does the W.M.U. prove herself an auxiliary—a real helpmate to the Southern Baptist Convention in its golden plan of cooperative giving.

GOLDEN ALLIES

Wherein we find three allies
Three special times of prayer
And loving gift whereby we lift
And special burdens bear.

THE W.M.U. has added to the golden plan of southern Baptists for the support of their work three golden allies—the three Seasons of Prayer and Gifts.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering—The first act of the newly organized W.M.U. fifty years ago was to take a special Christmas offering for China. We know how this came about in response to a request from Miss Lottie Moon for a new missionary for her field, and how the first offering sent out not one but three new missionaries. The gift in 1888 amounted to \$3,315.26 and last year it reached the grand total of \$291,316.07. Through the fifty years these offerings have totaled \$3,363,659.56. We know, too, how successful has been the season through the years and how it has become a most important part of the W.M.U. calendar of yearly events and for many Baptist women the most important part of Christmas. For many years it was a Christmas offering for China alone, but the time came when it broadened its scope to take in all our foreign mission fields. We have named this annual Christmas gift to Jesus for the lovely missionary whose unselfish life and impassioned pleas inspired its inauguration: thus we call it the "Lottie Moon Christmas Offering". Surely this is a golden ally of the Cooperative Program, not only because it pours much gold into the foreign missionary treasury but because it, too, is celebrating its golden anniversary, gathering the golden sheaves of fifty years of Christmas giving.

Annie W. Armstrong Offering—The Cooperative Program has another golden ally in the Annie W. Armstrong Offering for Home Missions. This season of prayer and gifts is not yet ready for its golden jubilee because the W.M.U. had been organized for seven years before it was initiated. This offering, when first taken in 1895, amounted to over \$5000; last year it totaled \$130,769.77. This "Thank Offering for Home Missions" from 1907 through 1937 amounts to \$1,535,660.72. At first this was called the "Self-Denial Offering", but a few years ago it was changed to the Annie W. Armstrong Offering, being named for the first corresponding secretary of the W.M.U. This is a fitting name not only because Miss Armstrong initiated the offering, but because of her great love for home missions and her unsurpassed service in many fields of home mission endeavor.

State Mission Offerings—In the W.M.U. State Mission Offering the Cooperative Program finds its third golden ally. Each state has its season for prayer and gifts when the women and young people of W.M.U. bring their "over and above" offerings for the work in their own state. These offerings not only aid in work among special needy groups in the different states, but they help support the executive machinery of Baptist work in perhaps every state, whereby money for all Cooperative Program causes is collected.

If we could count all the blessings which these seasons of prayer and gifts have brought during the fifty years we would call them Golden Allies indeed. Churches, schools and hospitals have been erected in many places; support for especially needy fields has been provided; hundreds of missionaries have been sent to state, home and foreign fields; and doubtless thousands of souls have been saved because southern Baptist women and W.M.U. young people have brought the golden offering of their prayers and gifts at these prayer seasons. And surely these golden allies have brought golden blessings to the members of the W.M.U. They have led us beyond the limitations of apportionments and regular giving to a boundless expression of our love for a lost world. They have given us opportunity for more studying, more praying and more giving than the usual program provides. They have fed our souls, enriched our lives and enlarged our service.

Golden Allies!—The Cooperative Program can't do without them. The W.M.U. can't do without them. Our own hearts can't do without them. Long may they remain as a part of southern Baptist cooperative work!

The GOLDEN OUTLOOK

Wherein we face the future
With hopeful eager gaze
The path ahead with glory spread
Of still more fruitful days.

WHEN we see a golden sunset we consider it the promise of a bright day tomorrow.

The sunset of our fifty years of work is golden, not only with the accumulated achievements of half a century of golden service but with the promise of a golden tomorrow. In the golden sheaves which we gather today are seeds of a greater golden harvest in the future.

Golden Opportunities—As we look out toward the tomorrow we see golden opportunities. During these fifty years we have built up a wonderful organization for work, and now we are ready to go on to greater conquests than our mothers ever dreamed of. Our people have learned to give not mites and nickles but dollars, and even thousands and millions of dollars. The world is close together today and we can know more about our work everywhere. Modern achievements have brought us the radio, the automobile, steamship, airplane, telegraph, cablegraph, advanced methods of sanitation and treating the sick—all of which makes missionary work easier and more effective. The missionary spirit is abroad among our people. Young men and women are willing to go to mission fields and others are willing to send them. The mission fields are open, and their millions of people still unsaved constitute an opportunity for service that we can scarcely measure. All of these conditions, and many more that could be mentioned, increase our opportunities and our responsibilities for tomorrow.

A Dark Cloud—Across our golden sunset there drifts a dark cloud threatening the brightness of tomorrow. It is debt! How we hate the word! It stands in the way of progress. It curses, it defames, it retards! And southern Baptists have debts. Most of our boards, many of our institutions carry heavy debts. These have been made, for the most part, because southern Baptists failed to give as they should. If we are to progress into a golden tomorrow these must be paid. To

save southern Baptists' honor, to save denominational work, these debts must be paid.

A Golden Lining—The dark cloud of debt has a golden lining—the Hundred Thousand Club. This is the plan of southern Baptists for paying all debts on all boards and institutions. The original aim was to get a hundred thousand people to join the club, thereby pledging to give toward the payment of debts one dollar a month over and above their regular contributions. It was hoped at first that this number would be secured at once and that all debts would be wiped out in five years. But alas, almost five years have passed and we are still far short of the goal; therefore the debts are still unpaid and the club must continue beyond the five year limit. However, it must be understood that the club has made wonderful strides toward the paying of debts. At the time of the 1936 Convention a total of \$662,490.32 had been paid on debts through the Hundred Thousand Club. A change was made at the 1937 convention whereby the states may share in the gifts—each state keeping fifty per cent of funds paid by people in that state for the liquidation of debts within the state. Also a special Luther Rice Memorial was established. The W.M.U. designated \$117,000 of its 1936 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering receipts and \$23,769 of its 1937 Annie W. Armstrong Offering as a memorial to this great Baptist leader; an appeal has been made for special \$100.00 cash memberships in the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club to be known as "Luther Rice Memorial Memberships" and to be applied upon the principal of the debts as are other Hundred Thousand Club receipts. The report on the Hundred Thousand Club, as given at New Orleans, closed with this statement: "It is fervently hoped that with the blessing of God, and with the hearty cooperation of all our agencies, and with the prayers and efforts of our pastors and people we may have a Debtless Denomination by 1945".

A Golden Hope—Our golden hope for the future rests in the tithes. As southern Baptists learn that the tithe is holy unto Jehovah and lay the foundation of good stewardship by bringing their tithes to the storehouse to be used for Kingdom promotion, then will dawn a golden day for southern Baptists with all debts paid and all causes adequately supported. Through the fifty years the W.M.U. has made great strides in stewardship teaching and practicing. Last year we reported over a hundred thousand tithers. Splendid? Yes! But still far short of what we ought to have. If all southern Baptists would tithe! How quickly could we pay all our debts! How greatly would all our work be increased! How bountiful would be the material and spiritual blessings of southern Baptists! Isn't it strange when so much could be accomplished by so little—just the tenth part of all that God gives us—that all of us would not hasten to join the ranks of tithers? But alas, many of us are so covetous, so selfish and so unbelieving that we are missing the blessings of tithing to our work and to ourselves. One goal of our Jubilee Year is to obtain at least 115,000 tithers. Surely the goal is not too high, and we can reach it if we try. (See pages 8, 9, 35, 36.)

Our outlook is a golden one, offering many golden opportunities. We can think of no better way to celebrate the Golden Jubilee than that the gold of our tithes and offerings shall make a golden channel through which the Gospel shall flow for the healing of the nations.

REAPING with JOY

IT IS the plan of the committee that gave us our program topics for 1938 that, in connection with each program, there shall be sketches of outstanding personalities. These are the "sheaves" of the fifty years of our missionary work which we are "reaping with joy". These personality stories will appear in the magazine each month, and each time there will be a picture along with the sketch of one of the outstanding personalities. This month we have chosen as the outstanding person-

ality Dr. J. E. Dillard. We can hardly claim him as a "sheaf" of W.M.U. work. However, as the new Director of Promotion for Southern Baptists he is the most fitting person to present in connection with this program which deals largely with cooperative work among southern Baptists. And surely he is the friend of the W.M.U. and will share with us all of the joy of reaping the golden sheaves of fifty years of missionary service. The picture and a brief sketch of the life of Dr. Dillard appear on page 17. The program will be incomplete without its use of this story of "Southern Baptists' Golden Leader".

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Tell of early cooperative efforts of southern Baptists.
2. What was our first step in organization?
3. Tell of the beginnings of missionary work among women.
4. Tell something of the organization of the W.M.U.
5. Tell something of the success of the W.M.U. of today.
6. How did the Cooperative Program originate?
7. Discuss the scope and fellowship of the Cooperative Program.
8. Tell something of the three allies of the Cooperative Program.
9. Discuss our opportunities and responsibilities for the future.
10. Discuss debt as a hinderance to our work.
11. What is the Hundred Thousand Club?
12. Discuss the possibilities of the tithe.
13. Who is the S.B.C. Promotional Director? Tell something of his life.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

The Window of Y.W.A.	—World Comrades
State Denominational Papers	
Minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention for 1937	
In Royal Service.....	Fannie E. S. Heck
Missions Our Mission.....	Dr. M. E. Dodd

CONTINUING in PRAYER

"If you continue in Me and My sayings continue in you, ask what you will and it shall be done for you" is a promise. The Self-Searching Questions used in the fall revealed our great need for His abiding presence. "The Message of the Trumpets" program, prepared for use as the closing hour of the Day of Prayer around the World, strengthened our faith.

For each day in December 1937 definite petitions were arranged: similarly there are prayers suggested for use day by day in January. These suggestions are given on pages 33-34 of this issue of *Royal Service*. When you read your Bible daily and ask God's blessings for the one on the Calendar of Prayer, add one of these petitions. Upon request additional copies of the prayer cards will be sent from your state W.M.U. headquarters.

May our unity of purpose, our persistence in prayer bless the world and our lives! "Continue ye in prayer!"—Miss Louise Smith, Executive Secretary of Florida W.M.U.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

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

THIS WONDERFUL YEAR



This year of 1938 holds so much of promise for W.M.U. young people that we want all of them to be unusually enthusiastic in entering into its plans. The Golden Jubilee of Woman's Missionary Union and the Silver Anniversary of Girls' Auxiliary coming in the same year make many unusual plans doubly beguiling. W.M.U. young people's directors and counselors should do most excellent planning together that none of the regular or unusual features of the year be neglected.

The 1938 W.M.U. Year Book and the Manual of the Golden Jubilee both need thorough and careful studying with notebooks and pencils at hand for listing what your organization will be doing. Let W.M.U. young people's director have ample conference with the leaders and counselors of the W.M.U. young people's organizations, using these two books as the basis for their discussion. Y.W.A.'s will enter into practically all the activities which Women's Missionary Societies can; the younger organizations can follow out adaptations of the various plans.

Survey your association and see where you could be instrumental in starting a new missionary education organization, consulting the associational young people's leader or associational superintendent about this. The increase will be not merely to report so many more organizations but also to extend the influence of careful missionary training to more churches and to more young people.

Watch not only for new organizations but for new members. There are many potential members who have not yet been enlisted. This year let us patiently wait through their indifference or unconcern and gain their help in missionary matters.

The matter of financial goals should be clearly understood by directors and counselors. Figure at once the gifts of your organization to the Cooperative Program and set your goal for ten per cent increase. Add up your gifts at the three special seasons of prayer and set the goals at ten per cent increase there also. These can be indicated on the new Standard of Excellence Wall Chart you have ordered from W.M.U. Literature Department (see page 109 of 1938 W.M.U. Year Book). Then talk together about what part your W.M.U. can have in the \$60,000 Golden Jubilee gift. If your W.M.U. is filling one of the \$50 Certificates let the young people's organizations have a certain share in this.

But more than these tangible goals this wonderful year should be made a year in which our young people grow in spiritual understanding. Woman's Missionary Union has always tried to avoid too much mechanics, too much standardization in her organization life: the spirit of missions has been and is her emphasis. This year in the story of the growth of Woman's Missionary Union the zeal for missions should be paramount in all our thinking. Let our young people realize that the cause of missions gave birth to the organization; let them understand that prayer and study and sacrificial giving as exemplified by zealous women were blessed of God: thus they will the more realize their rich heritage. What has been done in the past years indicates what more can be done in coming years by young people privileged as the young people of today are. See the messages from Dr. John R. Sampey, president of our Southern Baptist Convention, as presented in January *World Comrades* and *The Window of Y.W.A.* calling upon our young people to be and do their best for Christ's cause in the world of today. Profit by the account of successful work done by counselors and W.M.U. young people's director as published also in our young people's magazines and together let us make this wonderful year in very truth a holy year of devoted service and deep worship leading to expanding missionary activity which will help bring in the Kingdom of our Lord and His Christ.



COLLEGE Y. W. A



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

AS COLLEGE RECONVENES



There is something of the excitement of September in coming back to school in January plus all the joys of re-establishing college routine and seeing again the new college friends who are growing so surprisingly dear in so short a time. In all this New Year excitement, Ann Hasseltine Y.W.A. should feel a decided renewal of missionary zest. Swinging into the Golden Jubilee Year, our college girls want to enter into the Golden Jubilee plans with enthusiasm. Let every counselor and president of Ann Hasseltine or Grace McBride Young Woman's Auxiliary study carefully the Manual of Golden Jubilee, the 1938 W.M.U. Year Book and the Guide for Y.W.A. Council. Fostering W.M.S. will do well to ascertain that these valuable helps are really in hands of girls and counselors. Sometimes in haste of swiftly passing college days—not recognizing the value of this material merely from outside cover—these are passed over hurriedly, slipped back into envelope and left unread entirely. The W.M.S. president or W.M.U. young people's director more familiar with the worth of these supplies can help the "novice" to appreciate and use them.

Now is the time to enlist those girls who before the holidays had not been coming to Y.W.A. meetings. Talk seriously with them about what they have been missing, about the help they could give to the organization, about the compulsion of the missionary task; pray in the council meeting that these heretofore indifferent ones really will become missionary-minded. Now is the time to check up on the Standard of Excellence. No one wants to be A-1 just to get the name of her college on the Honor Roll of Colleges with A-1 Young Woman's Auxiliary, but to be A-1 gives a feeling of having done this minimum of carrying out a well-rounded missionary program. How is your record standing? Be sure to notice that the requirement regarding number of subscriptions to *The Window of Y.W.A.* is different this college year. We are trying to help our young women realize that their magazine is more than a program quarterly so that all of them will subscribe to it for their own personal reading.

Colleges and hospitals both will find it wise to have a *Window of Y.W.A.* representative who will continually keep our magazine before the Y.W.A.'s by clever reviews, resumés, demonstrations. Watch in the magazine itself for suggestions regarding such enthusiastic presentations. There is so much to be read each month; we want all the Y.W.A.'s to read it all. In this way they will enter into the real spirit of Young Woman's Auxiliary.

This year particularly Y.W.A.'s should evaluate correctly the work and place of Woman's Missionary Union as an agency of our denomination. Through fifty years Woman's Missionary Union has stirred the missionary zeal of southern Baptists. It has developed the graded system of missionary education in answer to the denominational needs. Y.W.A.'s should deeply appreciate what Woman's Missionary Union has accomplished and should be ready to continue its spirit of zeal for missions throughout the coming years. Through this year of 1938 they will come, through programs and through mission study books, to see the place of women in the missionary enterprise. They will see moreover what is still left for women to do in a world of appalling need. Our young women must be ready, out of appreciation of the past, to embrace the opportunities of the future. As colleges and hospitals this New Year pick up their work, let counselors and directors help them in every possible way to enter into the Golden Jubilee plans, to reach toward A-1 standing, to fulfill their place in the march of days in extending the Kingdom of God in the world.



MARGARET FUND



Chairman, Mrs. Frank Burney, Waynesboro, Ga.

"Behold I will lift up Mine hand and set up My standard to the people, and they shall bring thy sons in their arms and thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders".—Isa. 49:22



In order that the sons and daughters of our missionaries might be brought to the assisting arms and burden bearing shoulders of our Margaret Fund, we too set up a standard. We ask now that all of our missionaries who desire Margaret Fund assistance for their sons and daughters shall study carefully our standard and apply to chairman for standard requirements and application blanks so that each application may be given careful consideration at our convention in May. The chairman's address is given above.

It is now time for all applications, both new and renewals, to reach the chairman. The following shows those eligible for scholarships:

Applicant must be son or daughter of a regular missionary of Foreign Mission Board, S.B.C., in active service; or of a former missionary who has served on foreign field at least one term, who was retired on account of ill health incurred in active service on the field and whose health continues to be so seriously impaired as to limit greatly his earning capacity in this country; or one who at death was serving under the Foreign Mission Board, S.B.C.

Or applicant must be a son or daughter of a regular missionary in active service under the Home Mission Board, S.B.C., or who has served at least six years as a regular S.B.C. missionary and who had retired on account of ill health incurred in active service and whose health continues to be so seriously impaired as to greatly limit his earning capacity in this country; or one who at death was serving under the Home Mission Board, S.B.C.

The sons and daughters of those, who served twenty years or more as regular missionaries under S.B.C. Foreign Mission Board or under S.B.C. Home Mission Board, shall be eligible to become beneficiaries of the Margaret Fund.

Applicant must be at least 15 years of age, preferably not less than 16.

Applicant must be prepared to meet the designated number of units for college entrance except from S.B.C. mission fields where conditions make college preparation impossible.

Preference will be given to applicants desiring to complete the course for a baccalaureate degree.

Scholarships will be awarded annually in every instance and must be applied for annually. Allowance from the Margaret Fund will not be granted for a period longer than four years to any recipient except for following reasons: in cases where lack of schools on foreign fields has made the preparatory course impossible; in case of Margaret Fund girls desiring to attend the W.M.U. Training School or any other one of our training schools within bounds of our southern Baptist territory; or any student desiring theological training, or medical missionary training to serve in countries where southern Baptists are doing medical work.

Scholarships will not be granted for use in schools on foreign fields that are under the Foreign Mission Board, as the Board provides for such scholarships. Scholarships are not granted the students remaining at home with parents on foreign fields; exceptions are, however, made when parents are on furlough. Scholarships will not be granted married students or students when parents are on furlough. Scholarships will not be granted married students or students when parents are on furlough. Scholarships will not be granted married students or students when parents are on furlough. Scholarships will not be granted married students or students when parents are on furlough. Scholarships will not be granted married students or students when parents are on furlough.

Applications must be in the hands of the Margaret Fund Committee in ample time to receive due consideration at the W.M.U. annual meeting in May, preferably by April 1. Renewal of scholarship must be applied for annually to the chairman of the Margaret Fund Committee before the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union in May.

The scholarship is \$250 (a boarding scholarship) sent by the W.M.U. treasurer to the college. Only \$200 is given students who have been beneficiaries more than four years.



TRAINING SCHOOL



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

OUT OF MY LETTER FILE

One of the joys of being principal of the Training School is the close touch that the position makes possible with alumnae. How could one become pessimistic when she is constantly receiving letters similar to those from which the following excerpts are taken?



"I am still doing W.M.U. field work and am certainly enjoying it. Most of it is pioneer work too. They say I was the first woman to have ever spoken in one of our associational meetings of fifty-five churches. We now have a W.M.S. in the association and interest in the work is increasing, and I believe soon we will have others. I have attended seven associations this month. There are so many churches that are really eager to have missionary organizations in them when they learn what they are. On Friday, I was at an association and had invitations to six churches to spend a week with their women to help organize a W.M.S. and to teach them how to carry on the work. Census cards of one community in which I was working early in the summer showed only 138 Christians out of 883 people. I am teaching the 'New Why and How' this week at a little mission. Last week they had the Lord's Supper and I have heard married men and women say that was the first time they had ever seen the Lord's Supper given. This seems almost unbelievable and yet I believe it is true".

"This is a consolidated school in a town with six hundred population in an agricultural community. . . . The W.M.S. has been organized about two months. I hear that only about fifty per cent of the citizens are Christians, which affords a vast opportunity for service".

"Before I had been here a month, I was superintendent of the intermediate department of the Sunday school. . . . I found I was kept quite busy teaching mission study books for the W.M.S. and for some small circles. . . . I'm also going to give part of my time to a small church four blocks from here. This city needs Christ more than anything else, with her hoards of people of many nationalities, with her crime and many sins common to border cities. Pray that I may be used of God in any way He wills".

"I am enjoying vacationing at home. . . . but I am really getting homesick to get back to my work and the 'kiddies'. Each little card from them makes me all the more anxious to get back. One wrote today saying, 'I am trying to do my best each day while you are away'. Another one wrote about giving his heart to Christ: one I've known has been ready for some time and yet something has been holding him back. Two of the club children took the same step just the week before I left and, some few weeks before, three of the nursery girls. I've never enjoyed anything quite so much as watching and seeing these as they've realized it was the thing to do and seeing them coming out one by one. In some cases, they've come from homes where the parents are not Christians and I just hope they'll be the means of bringing them too. So you see why I'm so anxious to get back. There's so much to be done just now following up the seed we tried to plant in them during the Daily Vacation Bible School".



BOOK REVIEWS



Miss Willie Jean Stewart, Tennessee

Any books reviewed in this magazine may be ordered from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., or from State Baptist Bookstore. The price of each is quoted with its review.

Highland Heritage: Edwin White; New York; Friendship Press; 1937; Pages 197; Price: Boards \$1, Paper 60c



This is a rewarding, readable book of reliable information about our southern mountains so famed in song and story, yet so often grievously misunderstood. The author brings to his task a background of thorough preparation as well as years of experience as a pastor in the Cumberland country. He is thoroughly familiar with the various religious, social and governmental movements to improve the lot of the millions of isolated people in the southern Appalachians. He writes in fine appreciative spirit of these people, their past and present, and offers a definite, practical, workable program for helping

them in the future, to which most of us can subscribe in general, even though we may take issue with some details.

Doctor White pays high tribute to the work of the churches and denominational schools in the mountains. He sees for both an even more important part in the developments of the future, because both are particularly free, as state institutions are not, to pioneer in adapting their programs to the special need of training their students for more complete and satisfying lives in their own situations, rather than giving them a more formal type of training which merely makes them dissatisfied with their environment without knowing how to change it or adapt to it. We do heartily recommend for his suggestions a careful and thoughtful consideration by all those who are interested in mountain work and wish to make contribution to it.



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Mrs. W. J. Cox, Treasurer

STATES	Reported by State Treasurers as Having Been Remitted by Them to the Respective Boards				Received by W.M.U. Treasurer				Cash Total		
	Debt-Paying Campaign	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Ministerial Relief	Christian Education	State Missions and Other Objects in S.B.C. Program	Marg. Fund and W.M.U. Tr. Sch.	W.M.U. Training School Executive Committee S.B.C.		Scholarship Fund	Specials
Alabama.....	\$ 2,527.52	\$ 3,509.00	\$ 1,720.38	\$ 598.76	\$ 4,872.89	\$ 8,932.60	\$ 450.00	\$ 52.97	\$ 400.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 23,082.21
Arizona.....	128.00	260.88	121.70	36.50	80.52	315.91	19.25	1.00			972.85
Arkansas.....	627.35	1,220.09	368.31	94.34	558.21	6,947.78	75.58	11.97	400.00		10,303.63
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Florida.....	1,930.70	2,784.93	1,106.46	379.18	1,914.47	5,102.86	124.98	41.42		61.72	13,446.72
Georgia.....	3,543.47	1,666.43	230.30	30.00	32.98	30,901.23	989.50	56.54	1,300.00	12.75	38,763.30
Illinois.....	557.29	372.74	771.78	1.84	104.41	11,457.37	85.88	4.71			13,356.02*
Kentucky.....	2,008.77	6,352.65	2,881.94	825.92	4,526.83	11,135.40	962.00	79.51	500.00	63.48	29,333.50
Louisiana.....	1,305.37	1,002.28	467.71	140.33	1,180.99	12,126.03	200.00	26.83	100.00	4.00	16,553.54
Maryland.....	93.50	874.55	375.13	101.96	244.01	2,605.65	215.15	19.60			4,529.55
Mississippi.....	924.54	1,174.72	505.01	189.92	1,802.45	6,558.46	505.00	25.40	250.00	352.00	12,287.50
Missouri.....	1,647.19	2,010.67	862.24	107.87	1,658.50	4,811.31	519.00	37.35			11,744.13
N. Mexico.....	287.60					2,141.05		1.72			2,430.37
N. Carolina.....	2,600.66	7,630.26	3,215.95	928.92	16,522.58	14,010.80	600.00	116.96	450.00	22.00	46,098.13
Oklahoma.....	275.50	1,924.99	564.63	135.00	1,892.28	6,004.45	375.00				11,171.85
S. Carolina.....	550.96	5,453.75	2,538.52	756.92	1,827.41	13,827.41	500.00	89.14			25,572.95
Tennessee.....	2,979.72	6,991.20	2,782.80	833.94	6,095.14	14,350.68	600.00	110.16	1,200.00		35,943.64
Texas.....	4,962.36	7,814.92	3,778.03	2,113.32	17,956.23	38,539.99	1,000.00	90.88	400.00		73,653.73
Virginia.....	743.79	12,253.29	4,707.14	1,378.47	13,321.02	22,063.41		158.01	300.00	1.00	55,926.13
Special.....								.61			
Totals.....	\$27,691.29	\$63,297.44	\$26,998.03	\$8,743.19	\$74,628.76	\$211,832.39	\$7,221.34	\$924.97	\$5,300.00	\$534.95	\$427,172.36

Value boxes \$6,803.50

*The second quarterly report of Illinois is included in above figures

CURRENT EVENTS

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Va.

A. Scott Patterson, recently returned to Africa after a long furlough due to physical disability, writes: "The ship that brought two Baptist missionaries had twenty-six Methodist missionaries. Africa seems wide open. In three years Baptists must double their staff of missionaries. The hour is at hand. We must go forward. Four million southern Baptists will not fail us. Misses Lucille Reagan and Frances Jones have not died in vain. Others of us may die but with our dying breath we will still be calling for help to save Africa".*

From Budapest, Hungary, the heartening news comes: "In the Seminary we shall have twenty this year. Last year we had only twelve. Twenty-two girls have been accepted for the Training School. So we are going to have a Seminary and Training School family of forty-two. So we expect great things and blessings in the future as the result of the work of these two schools".—*Bela Udvarnoki, Acting President Baptist Seminary**

T. B. Hawkins of Rafaela, Argentina, rejoices in a new work started in Tacural, a town of 2000 population twenty miles north of Rafaela. "We hold the services in a private home", he writes, "and they give us hospitality. So the only expense we have is the trip. There is a lot of interest shown and prospects are that we will be able to build up a good work".*

Personal testimonies never fail to arouse interest. From the pastor of the Baptist church in Arad who is also editor of the Rumanian Baptist paper and general secretary of the Rumanian Baptist Union we have the following: "I wish to say here a very important thing. If I ever arrive to do something for my

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"CONTINUING in PRAYER"



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

AS WE ENTER the Golden Jubilee Year of a Woman's Missionary Union the "Call to Prayer"—for the growth and enrichment of our spiritual lives in preparation for the Jubilee—continues to be the Union's call to all members. Hence this second in the series of "Continuing in Prayer" cards is issued in the earnest hope that each W.M.S. and Y.W.A. member will accept one of these cards with the promise that she will keep it in her Bible and, in prayer each day during January, will make the suggestion listed for that day the object of sincere prayer.

JANUARY, 1938

Standing on Threshold of New Year PRAY

1. "O God, Thou art my God; earnestly will I seek Thee . . . My soul followeth hard after Thee".—*Psa. 63:1, 8*
2. That today, the first Sunday of the year, Christians everywhere will face the new year with fine courage and confident faith in the final triumph of the Gospel of Christ
3. "My soul, wait thou in silence for God only; for my expectation is from Him. . . . The rock of my strength and my refuge is in God".—*Psa. 62:1, 2*
4. That this may be the best year of your life because that in fellowship with Christ you have made it count to the glory of God.

Watchword for Year: "Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His Name; bring an offering and come into His court".—*Psa. 96:8*

In Thanksgiving—"Give unto the Lord the Glory"

5. "For the denizens lives that have passed on the torch of witness through the centuries and those that are now bearing the light along the course"

4. For the vision of those pioneer women who through faith led their southern Baptist sisters into paths of missionary endeavor

7. For state Central Committees, forerunners of state W.M.U.'s, who laid the foundations upon which the work of the southern Union has been built

8. For the wisdom of that first body of officers and their co-laborers who planned the organization and shaped its policies

9. For those who have followed in their train, enlarging and reshaping as growth demanded

10. For the far-sighted and great-hearted men, both ministers and laymen, who by their sympathy, encouragement and counsel helped to make the rough places smooth along the years

11. For every woman and young person who through the years contributed time, talent and money and especially for those who prayed unceasingly

12. For the privilege of having had a share in the work with so great a company

13. For the marvellous growth of Woman's Missionary Union and for the many evidences of God's blessing upon its work

"Bring an Offering"

14. Pray for a growing realization that the one offering from you for which the heart of God yearns is yourself as fully surrendered with all you possess that Christ can give Himself again through you

15. Read Psalm 139:23-24 and as you read make it your prayer

16. Pray that you may have faith to believe that the resources of Heaven are yours if you but reach for them

17. Pray for a growing knowledge of your weakness and Christ's strength

18. Pray that you may learn to lay hold upon Christ's strength through regular Bible study and prayer

19. Pray for firmness to set a definite hour, when you can be alert, for Bible reading and prayer each day and make it an unbroken habit

20. Pray that your Bible study may be eager and loving, leading you into nobler living

21. Pray that you may learn to linger in prayer the consciousness of the presence of God will become a vivid experience in your life day after day

22. Pray that as you read the Word the Spirit of God will reveal to you the special message it has for you

23. Pray that you may have the will and the courage to follow Christ in your plans and choices of each day

24. Pray that you may realize as you never have before the true happiness that comes from doing God's will

25. Pray that day by day you may so grow in the favor of God that your prayers of intercession will be effective

26. Pray that not only in your own home but in many homes those who profess to follow Christ will prove their loyalty and love by gathering together some time each day for family worship

27. Pray that in this Jubilee Year there may be a number of women and young people who will become active members of W.M.U. missionary organizations because of your prayers and endeavor

28. Pray that many well qualified women will use their talents in leading W.M.U. young people's organizations

29. Pray that there will be an increasing number of the members of W.M.U. organizations engaging in thorough, sincere and systematic prayer, Bible study and mission study

30. Pray as you read Ephesians 1:10-20 that in increasing numbers those who call themselves Christians will put on the whole armor of God

31. Pray that the light of divine guidance may flood your soul as you read Ephesians 1:8, 11-16

CURRENT EVENTS

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country and for the Baptist work here, it is due to the Southern Baptist Convention, which started our Seminary in Budapest, and which, through its good missionaries, gave me the ideal of a new life in Christ. I wish to thank them from all my heart. If they had not come to Rumania, I would be today a peasant working in a little church without any education and any possibility to do a great work for Christ.*

Notwithstanding the fact that the constitution of Rumania pays respect to religious liberty yet by a decree of April last the non-orthodox denominations that do not conform to certain conditions are declared illegal. From last reports the 70,000 Baptists in Rumania had not been directly declared illegal but unless they conform to conditions which to Baptists are intolerable in principle and impossible in practice they have been or will be declared so and every Baptist church may be closed. The Baptist World Alliance is making every effort to prevent such a catastrophe. In 1936 contributions to the churches in our country were \$350,000,000. The bill for armaments was \$788,000,000. The implements of war cost our country more than the churches of Christ.—*Watchman-Examiner*

One of the field directors of the China Inland Mission firmly believes that the church of Christ has been so firmly established in China that even if all missionaries had to be withdrawn the work of evangelism would go forward. Another worker comments: "Every great advance of the Kingdom of God in China has been born out of apparent tragedy, and the present setback may well be the preparation for another great step forward".—*Missionary Review of the World*

Through newspapers and other sources it is reported that there is a vast turning of the people of Shanghai and other stricken districts to the consolation of Christianity in this emergency. Then again missionaries are having a superb opportunity to prove to the Chinese people their genuine sympathy, friendship and devotion.—*Christian Observer*

*The first four items by courtesy of the Foreign Mission Board

SIGNING as TITHERS

The W.M.U. "Stewardship Covenant" card was authorized by the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention at its annual meeting in May, 1918. Each society is urged to appoint early in the year a "Stewardship Chairman" whose duty it shall be persistently to seek to induce every W.M.U. member who has never done so to sign the Stewardship Covenant card. There is a different card for each W.M.U. junior organization. Let those who sign the cards keep them, preferably in their Bibles, as a reminder of their pledge to tithe, the W.M.S. steward-

ship chairman returning the cards to W.M.S. signers after she has made an accurate roll of the names. The young people's cards are in duplicate form. W.M.S. members who have previously signed a card are asked to sign again by using this perforated page. The goal is to get every tither to sign each year, the state W.M.U. headquarters to be notified according to the state plan. The teaching of the stewardship of tithes and offerings is a fundamental principle of the Union. The "covenant" to tithe reads as follows:

Recognizing, 1st, that I am God's steward, that He has the right and supreme claim upon me and my possessions; 2nd, that God said to ancient Israel: "The tithe is the Lord's; it is holy unto the Lord"; 3rd, that Paul says concerning giving: "See that ye abound in this grace also"; and 4th, that the results of thus honoring God have always been most gratifying, enriching both the giver and the Kingdom:

I, therefore, promise, as a recognition of my stewardship and an expression of my love to God, to lay aside until further notice at least one-tenth of my income for the support of His cause. First they gave their own selves unto the Lord.—II Cor. 8:5. Of all that Thou shalt give me, I will surely give the tenth unto Thee.—Gen. 28:22



