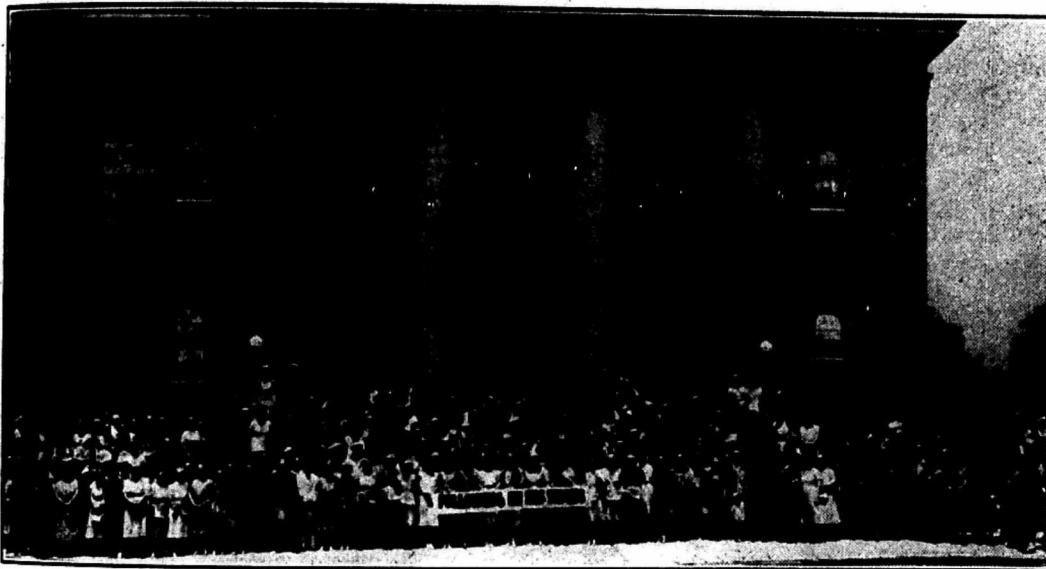


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FROM six towns in Shelby County, as well as from other places in west Tennessee, women gathered on the last Friday of May in the First Baptist Church of Memphis to hear Mrs. W. J. Cox teach her book, "FOLLOWING IN HIS TRAIN". Registered in the class were 678, some being from Jackson and Charleston, Mississippi. The chairman who conceived this epochal event in mission study is Mrs. V. E. Boston of Memphis.

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EDITORIAL

"LIVING UP TO OUR HIGH HERITAGE"

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



With this compelling theme the sixteenth annual Y.W.A. Camp opened on June 21 in the "Land of the Sky" on the Southern Baptist Assembly grounds at Ridgecrest, North Carolina. Young women from every state except Arizona and New Mexico are registered. The first day's attendance leads us to know that this camp will equal in enrollment the high records of recent years. When we recall that annually a thousand young women come to share together in choice atmosphere, physical and spiritual, the loved ideals of W. M.U.—that here their young lives are influenced to look upon the world through the eyes of the Master Teacher—that in thought, in deed, in life purpose they are summoned to come up higher—we are led to place great value on this

camp and all that it promises for the development of Christ-like character and the future of missions.

That it is an investment with rich returns is evident as we review the years and see how very many of the young women of other years, whose life purposes were fixed in spiritual experience of camp, are now in missionary service and other varied forms of definite Christian service. The camp itself is a *high heritage* that moves us to lift our hearts in grateful praise and to live up to its fine ideals.

Many of the beautiful decorative features of the Golden Jubilee meeting in Richmond have been carried over so that the spirit of jubilee is all about us. A worthy emphasis upon W.M.U. history and the rich heritage of other years will help this generation of young womanhood to assume rightful responsibility for the present and future of missions.

World problems that clamor for Christian solution are being dealt with by vivid personalities, men and women who have studied and have themselves sat at the feet of Jesus to learn of Him. The heart of each day is the Bible hour. The camp is blessed this year in the leadership of Dr. Lewis M. Hale who knows the mind and heart problems of young people and can lead them because he loves them. As he presents "The Jesus of John's Gospel" we know we are coming to know Him better, to follow Him more completely. Many missionaries and widely recognized teachers offer varied classes to meet various interests and needs of this large group of young women.

After ten days of fun and inspiration these young women will go back to their valleys. They will be scattered over seventeen of our states. They will come to your church, your association different than when they came here. They will have singing in their young hearts the holy purpose to serve. It is yours to help them find their places of most abundant service. You will do well to encourage them to use their abounding energy. No doubt you will see in many of them capable leaders for Girls' Auxiliary, Royal Ambassadors and Sunbeam Bands. It is yours to capture for Christ and for missions the holy impulses of the beneficent days here. So you can help these young women to fulfill in their own lives the camp's compelling theme, "Living Up to Our High Heritage!"

RIDGECREST MISSIONS WEEKS

HOME and STATE MISSION CONFERENCE



W.M.U. Day at Ridgecrest, August 3, offering such speakers as Miss Blanche Sydnor White and Miss Kathleen Mallory, is a fair sample of the full week of spiritual uplift and enlightenment in store for Baptists when they join the trek to Ridgecrest for the Home Mission Conference the first week in August. Again Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary, and his associates have amassed an amazing galaxy of great contemporaries for this important period of religious refreshing and serious consideration of missions in the homeland.

From the time Dr. J. W. Beagle, field secretary, brings his heart-warming message on "God's Precious Promises" Sunday morning, July 31, until Dr. W. Marshall Craig's last ringing words on "Back to Paganism or On with Christ" Friday night, August 5, the program is chock-full of the kind of meat needed in the spiritual and intellectual diet of mature southern Baptists. Here are a few samples, picked at random:

"Rescuing Lost Church Members", a jolting subject suggestive of a pathetic condition, will be discussed by Dr. Walter E. Woodbury, secretary of evangelism, Home Mission Society, New York. He will also talk on "The Recovery of Concern for Lost Souls". Pertinent to these discussions will be the daily afternoon conferences on evangelism, conducted by Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, the Home Board's superintendent of evangelism.

Mr. Brooks Hays, layman of Little Rock, will point out grim social conditions with which he is familiar. Dr. Ira D. S. Knight will indicate the church's answer to these human needs.

Daily vesper services will be conducted by Dr. John R. Sampey. At the early morning devotional periods missionaries will relate their Christian experiences. Dr. Lawrence directs a conference each morning on vital issues confronting southern Baptists in their work of evangelizing the homeland. Missionaries will be present from Cuba, the French country, the Spanish field in New Mexico, Oklahoma Indian field, Mexican border, mountains, the Italian field, thus giving in panorama the vast work of the Board.

Mr. Perry Morgan, assembly manager, states that the usual reasonable rates are in effect but that reservations for Home Mission Week, July 31-Aug. 5, should be made early by writing to him at Ridgecrest, N. C.—*Mr. Joe W. Burton*

FOREIGN MISSION WEEK

THE Foreign Mission Board and its missionaries invite you to meet them at Ridgecrest for the seventh annual Foreign Mission Conference, August 7-12. Why not plan to spend a part of your vacation in the beautiful mountains of North Carolina attending the greatest mission conference in America? A blessed week of fellowship and inspiration awaits you. The program this year promises to be the strongest yet presented. You will have the privilege of hearing twenty of our missionaries from our many mission fields, and other outstanding speakers.

Dr. Ralph Herring, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., will preach at the eleven o'clock hour on Sunday, August 7th, and will also direct the Morning Watch during the conference. Dr. W. C. Taylor, secretary for Latin America, will speak each evening at the Vesper Service and will appear on our

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SUMMER ASSEMBLIES



FLORIDA



In the spring time we hear the call "Let's go"—a call to whatever is most interesting to the person who answers the call. To hundreds of Floridians "Let's go" has only one meaning at this season and that is preparation for our summer assembly. When the assembly is over and the return trip is made those who were privileged to attend are better prepared for work and are thrilled with plans for reaching others.

The assembly will be held at Stetson University, our Baptist school at DeLand, August 9-18. There will be classes for all departments of our denominational work. Mrs. Carter Wright will be the representative from the southern Union. Eighteen or twenty classes offer instruction in missions, both home and foreign. Courses include classes in methods, stewardship, soul-winning and missions. It is the custom for the W.M.U. department to have charge of the Sunday evening service. Last year a special feature on Sunday afternoon was an "Around the World Tour". Over 900 young people followed the conductors on a tour that led them from one building to another visiting our mission fields. At each booth curios and costumes and a speaker, giving a five minutes talk on the work of that particular country, made missions live for the on-lookers. The last country visited was Japan where lovely kimono-clad Y.W.A.'s served tea.—Mrs. C. H. Bolton, State Vice President

ARIZONA

At Prescott—the Mile High City in the pines, with most delightful summer climate—the assembly will be held August 15 to 21. The W.M.U., as usual, will be represented. The programs will be up to standard and provision will be made for each auxiliary, so that all ages will be cared for acceptably.

All forenoons will be devoted to conferences. The afternoons are given over to rest and supervised recreation of the most wholesome nature—mountain climbing, hiking, band ball and other games.

The regular program will begin each day with a sunrise service conducted in a setting unsurpassed in any other southern state. Many denominational leaders of the south will be in attendance for regular assignments on the program. Among these will be Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of the Broadway Baptist Church of Ft. Worth, Texas, and Mrs. Hudgins; and Mr. W. L. Howse, professor of religious education of the Southwestern Seminary at Ft. Worth, and Mrs. Howse.

The assemblies in the past have been noted for deep spiritual fervor, conversions of souls and dedication of lives for special service in the Lord's work. The same atmosphere is anticipated this summer.—Mrs. C. B. Maxwell, Recording Secretary

LOUISIANA

LOUISIANA promotes only one statewide encampment but three other encampments are held each summer in different sections of the state. Although these have their own officers, boards of directors and programs, they look to the state for cooperation which is always gladly given. For example: the state W.M.U. secretary arranges for a representative of the Louisiana W.M.U. to attend these encampments, attending as many herself as she can include in her summer schedule.

A School of Missions at the Southwest Encampment last summer aroused great interest and favorable comment. The state W.M.U. secretary was asked to serve as principal of the school, several home and foreign missionaries were present, large crowds attended and missionary zeal was aroused. The same plan will be carried out this summer. The Northeast Encampment and the Lake Arthur Encampment feature W.M.U. classes on their programs and reach people who in many cases cannot attend the statewide encampment at Mandeville.

Mandeville is a veritable mecca for Louisiana Baptists. Last summer seven large buses formed a caravan to Mandeville from the northern section of the state. Baptists of different churches, communities and associations have erected buildings on the encampment grounds to take care of their own people; and, in addition, there are a number of encampment-owned buildings, including one erected by Louisiana W.M.U. Situated on the shores of beautiful Lake Ponchartrain and having glorious oaks to ornament the grounds, it is an ideal spot where our people can draw apart and be with God for ten days each summer. This year the dates are August 16-25. The representative of the southern W.M.U. will be Miss Juliette Mather.—Miss Hannah E. Reynolds, Corresponding Secretary



OUR GOLDEN JUBILEE



Southwide Jubilee Chairman: Mrs. George McWilliams, Missouri

SOME IMPRESSIONS of the JUBILEE MEETING in RICHMOND

M'bola Ayorinde, Nigeria, West Africa



I am grateful to the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention for what it has done for me. This is the first big Convention I ever attended. I have not seen so many white people in a meeting before. The Convention is differently conducted from ours. The first thing that impressed me was that the people were silent all the time. There was no noise at all in the sessions. The second thing was that every plan is brought before the Convention by different committees. There was no disputing about anything. Every time a plan was brought forward, they all voted "Aye!"

I watched but I did not hear anything about awarding the "Shield" to the state doing the best work. We award the "Shield" to the best association; the Bible to the best W.M.S.; the hymn book to the second best W.M.S. I did not see those who have completed the W.M.U. courses; they were not given anything. In my country they also have contests for G.A. and Sunbeams, and prizes are given to the first three who have done their best from G.A. and Sunbeam Bands. I did not hear anything about Year Books. There was no question about the budget for the year.

I saw there are many advantages that we could not get in my country, as here there are many women who can read and understand W.M.U. work. There are many leaders for young people's work. The program for the Convention was planned by committees. I did not hear people complaining that they were not put on the program.

I was so surprised to see many delegates from each state. It is a very hard thing to get two or four delegates from each association in my country. It seems to me that there is plenty of money here for the people to travel from one place to another. I was so surprised when the Chinese girl spoke about her country and how the people were eager to help in giving money.

Every member who attended the Convention could understand English. There was no difficulty in the language. I saw that the things that the women did were reported at the men's sessions. Many women attended the men's meeting. It is not so in my country: after the women's sessions, many of the women go back home.

I felt the Spirit of God in all the sessions. I always liked to hear the sound of the trumpets at the beginning of each session. Every one who was on the program did her part very well; each person did not take much time. What I would like to see done in my country is that the people may come on time to the meeting. I noticed that in every session all the people came on time.

I enjoyed the pageant: I had never seen anything like it. It was a very beautiful pageant. I saw there how the people dressed fifty years ago. I saw how the Convention has grown since fifty years ago. The one who read the pageant was a beautiful reader: she read distinctly.

I have heard of many mission fields that the Southern Baptist Convention is taking care of, but I have not seen with my eyes how the work is done in different mission fields. At the Convention I saw some delegates from those mission fields, such as from Japan, China, Brazil and Palestine. I learned much about mission work during the Convention meeting.

I think it is easier to get people to tithe here than in my country. I enjoyed the one who taught the lessons on stewardship and tithing. Also I enjoyed the report of the committee on "those who have gone". Some men spoke at the women's sessions: I enjoyed most Dr. Sampey's speech, especially how he talked about Martha and Mary and Lazarus.

I wish to salute Royal Service and thank this magazine for what it has done for me in giving me this trip to America.

FAMILY ALTAR

Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

TOPIC—Mexico and Cuba: "Sheaves . . . with Rejoicing"

"Remember, Lord, Thy gracious word
Thou to Thy servant spake,
Which for the ground of my sure hope
Thou causedst me to take.

"By this Thy word in my distress
Great comfort I have known,
For in my straits I am revived
By this Thy word alone".

Psa. 119:49, 50 (Old Metrical Version)

"Of the Common Salvation"

1st Day—Jude 1-6
2nd Day—Rev. 1:1-8
3rd Day—Rev. 1:9-20
4th Day—Rev. 2:1-7
5th Day—Rev. 2:8-11
6th Day—Rev. 2:12-17
7th Day—Rev. 2:18, 19, 26-29

"Multitudes . . . of All Nations"

15th Day—Rev. 7:1-8
16th Day—Rev. 7:9-17
17th Day—Rev. 8:6-13
18th Day—Rev. 11:1
19th Day—Rev. 14:13
20th Day—Rev. 19:1, 6-10
21st Day—Rev. 21:1-7

"Of His Fullness"

"Remember . . . hold fast".

8th Day—Rev. 3:1-6
9th Day—Rev. 3:7, 8
10th Day—Rev. 4:1-5, 10
11th Day—Rev. 5:1-6
12th Day—Rev. 5:11-14
13th Day—Rev. 6:1-10
14th Day—Rev. 6:11-17

22nd Day—John 1:18, 17 (Memory)
23rd Day—John 1:18-28, 32
24th Day—John 1:34, 37-46
25th Day—John 2:1-11
26th Day—John 2:18-25
27th Day—John 3:80-36
28th Day—John 4:24, 34
29th Day—John 5:38, 39
30th Day—John 6:35-39
31st Day—John 6:40, 47, 48

"Pray Ye"

That Christian hearts will increasingly "give unto the Lord the glory due unto His Name"

That summer meetings in assemblies and camps and associations will strengthen Christian character and deepen the sense of responsibility and devotion for missions near and far

That the Home and State Mission Conference at Ridgecrest (July 31-Aug. 5 inclusive) and the Foreign Mission Week also at Ridgecrest (Aug. 7-12 inclusive) will be largely attended and divinely guided

That the Chinese Christians and all missionaries to China may be conscious of the watchcare of the Heavenly Father and that southern Baptists will rally loyally to the Chinese relief and rehabilitation plans of the Foreign Mission Board

That Spain may be spared further carnage and that Baptist work there may be advanced

Intercede for all missionaries in home and foreign lands.

Ask for God's guidance for: (1) S.B.C. evangelistic plans; (2) W.M.U. young people's organizations; (3) Golden Jubilee victories.

Calendar of Prayer

August, 1938

Prepared by Mrs. F. W. Withoff, Georgia

O H, God, our fiery pillar Thou;
Our guidance through the years;
Our shade by day, our shield by night,
Till Jesus reappears.

The Pillar moves—His flame unfurled;
Up! All our offerings bring!
We may not rest till all the world
Shall hail Him Savior—King!

Topic—Mexico and Cuba: "Sheaves . . . with Rejoicing"

1—MONDAY

Pray for Home Missions Week, July 31-August 5, Ridgecrest, N. C.

Seek ye the Lord and His strength, seek His face continually.—1 Chron. 16:11

2—TUESDAY

For Dr. Green, secretary for Nigeria, and Mrs. Green (Lydia Williams), Ogbomoso, Nigeria, and for Dorothy Green, Margaret Fund daughter

The Kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.—1 Cor. 4:20

3—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Planos (Ana Agüero Lawrence), evangelistic and educational work, Guanabacoa, Cuba

The joy of the Lord is your strength.—Neh. 8:10

4—THURSDAY

For Miss Ruth Kersey and—on furlough—Miss Kathleen Manley, medical work, Ogbomoso, Nigeria

Declare His glory among the heathen.—Psa. 96:3

5—FRIDAY

For Mr. and Mrs. Rodriguez, evangelistic and educational work, Calabazar, Cuba

Be ye mindful always of His covenant.—1 Chron. 16:15

6—SATURDAY

For Rev. Bequer, evangelistic work, Cienfuegos, Cuba

Happy are those, Thy servants, which stand continually before Thee.—1 Chron. 9:7

7—SUNDAY

For Foreign Missions Week, August 7-12, Ridgecrest, N. C.

Through God we shall do valiantly.—Psa. 108:13

8—MONDAY

For Mr. and Mrs. Calliero (Pura Pampilo y Manresa), evangelistic work, Sagua la Grande, Cuba

Hold up my goings in Thy paths.—Psa. 17:5

9—TUESDAY

For Miss Minnie McIlroy—on furlough—publishing house, and Rev. and Mrs. Gills (Mary Lou Appleman), educational work, Buenos Aires, Argentina

For . . . the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness.—Psa. 18:28

10—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Hernandez (Lidupina Garcia y Perdomo), evangelistic work, Camajural, Cuba

The Lord liveth and blessed be my rock.—Psa. 18:46

11—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Quarles (Helen Taylor), evangelistic work, Mendoza, Argentina

To be spiritually minded is life and peace.—Rom. 8:6

12—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Rodriguez (Maria Otero), evangelistic work, Arriete, Cuba

Oh, love the Lord, all ye His saints.—Psa. 31:13

13—SATURDAY

For Miss Vada Waldron, educational work, Godoy Cruz, Mendoza, Argentine

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.—Psa. 23:1

14—SUNDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Lopez (Lorella Perez), evangelistic work, Calbaries, Cuba

The Lord is their strength.—Psa. 28:8

Calendar of Prayer for August

15—MONDAY

For Rev. and *Mrs. David (*Ara Morning*), evangelistic work, Rafaela, Argentina

The Lord will not cast off His people.
—Psa. 94:14

16—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Molina, evangelistic work, Trinidad, Cuba

Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous.
—Psa. 97:12

17—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Bowdler (*Ruth Nicholson*), educational work, Rio Negro, Argentina

I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.—Psa. 101:2

18—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Fraguela (*Felina Pena y Martinez*), evangelistic work, Placetas, Cuba

My God is the rock of my refuge.
—Psa. 94:22

19—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. White (*Kate Cox*), evangelistic work, Bahia, Brazil, and for John White, Margaret Fund son; also for Miss Alberta Steward

Bless ye the Lord, ye ministers of His; that do His pleasure.—Psa. 103:21

20—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Lima (*Juana Maria Gamioles y Gonzalez*), evangelistic work, Lajas, Cuba

He satisfieth the longing soul.
—Psa. 107:9

21—SUNDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Greno (*Basilisa Morales y Santillana*), evangelistic work, Bejucal, Cuba

Sanctify them through Thy truth.
—John 17:17

22—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Rodriguez (*Felipa B. Milam*), evangelistic work, Caibarien, Cuba

Oh, Lord, truly I am Thy servant.
—Psa. 116:16

23—TUESDAY

For Rev. and *Mrs. R. Elton Johnson (*Elizabeth Jackson*) and Rev. W. C. Harrison, evangelistic and educational work, Recife, Brazil

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

24—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and *Mrs. Crouch (*Uro Hallmark*), educational work, and for Rev. Foreman, Corrente, Brazil

He will ever be mindful of His covenant.
—Psa. 111:5

25—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. L. L. Johnson (*Somnie Guyers*), evangelistic work, Recife, Brazil, and for Dorothy Lee Johnson, Margaret Fund daughter

We have the mind of Christ.—1 Cor. 2:16

26—FRIDAY

For Rev. and *Mrs. Bice (*Blanche Hanna*), evangelistic work, Macrio, Brazil

Covet earnestly the best gifts.
—1 Cor. 12:31

27—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Dozier (*Mary Ellen Wiley*), and Rev. Garrett, educational work, Fukuoka, Japan

Thou shalt be His witness unto all men.
—Acts 22:17

28—SUNDAY

For Dr. Gill, European representative, and Mrs. Gill (*Geraldine Williams*), educational work, Budapest, Hungary

Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord.—Psa. 118:26

29—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Moore (*Alice Spiden*), educational and evangelistic work, Rome, Italy

I continue unto this day witnessing both to small and great.—Acts 26:22

30—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Hernandez, evangelistic work, Ranchuela, Cuba

Ask and ye shall receive.—John 16:24

31—WEDNESDAY

For the offerings in September, last month of the third quarter, that they may be both willing and abundant

Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly.—1 Chron. 29:9

Attended W.M.U. Training School
Attended Southwestern Training School
Attended Baptist Bible Institute
Former Margaret Fund Student



BIBLE STUDY



Ellis Broadus Robertson, Kentucky

JESUS and FORGIVENESS—Matt. 18:21-35

PETER'S bluntness often brought forth words of grace from Jesus which benefit us. In this parable, the warning suggested in the Lord's prayer and picked out for emphasis by Him is illuminated in floodlight. Read Luke 17:3, 4. This was the rabbis' limit of forgiveness, which they thought wildly extravagant. Jesus takes it literally. Here Peter argues the question, and the answer strikes him dumb. It is shameful to count "how many times"!

It is a burning question to many whether one can forgive without repentance of the offender. It has even been argued: "God Himself can't do it, and I suppose you are not better than God. Love your enemy you must and do him good, but not forgive while he persists in his wicked acts; else you confuse love and forgiveness." But is not this to confuse forgiveness and reconciliation? The latter requires action of two persons, but forgiveness does not. In Luke 17:3, 4 repentance is mentioned, but in our parable forgiveness is from compassion pure and simple, and when it does not evoke gratitude and a like compassion it brings heavy judgment.

Let us look at the conduct of Jesus. He forgave the sins of the paralytic borne of four (*Mk. 2:5*); He forgave the sinful woman in Simon's house (*Lu. 7:48*). These were longing for it, and He pronounced forgiveness as the Son of God, as afterwards He did to the robber upon the cross beside Him. He was not humanly concerned in either case. But He forgave the three disciples who had slept in Gethsemane when He had asked them to watch. He forgave the men who were nailing Him to the cross. "Father, forgive them!" Did not He then forgive them? And Peter!—one can almost say He forgave Peter before he fell: "When thou hast turned again, establish thy brethren." Certainly the look which broke Peter's heart was a forgiving look. Mrs. Browning's sonnet interprets it: "Did I yesterday wash thy feet, my beloved, that they should run quick to deny me 'neath the morning sun; and do thy kisses, like the rest, betray?" And if one says, "But Christ was different from us", observe *Mk. 11:25*: "Whosoever ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any".

Do you remember Wesley at Aldersgate, when he "felt his heart strangely warmed" and realized that God had forgiven his sins? "Immediately", he says, "I began to pray with all my might for those who had in a more especial manner despitely used me and persecuted me".

A man who had been cruelly cheated by a friend long resented it. He was a clockmaker. One day, examining a pendulum which had caught in the striking mechanism, he set it free with a touch. Then suddenly he thought: "Forgiveness is like that pendulum; it must swing both ways. I've had no peace towards God these years of bitterness towards my brother".

Read this piercing study of forgiveness by Miriam LeFevre Crouse:

Lesser Calvary

No man forgives another
Till he accepts the cross
Fashioned by his brother.
All that betrayal is,
Each consequence it yields,
He must accept as his.

The very wound in the side;
A hard thing to love
Enough when crucified.

Yet forgiveness must be spoken
From the deep need for peace
In him who has been broken;
And the miracle is this—
Love covering
Even the Judas kiss.

Terrible is the death
Of self, the agony
Of surrendering breath by breath

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CIRCLE PLANS

"Will you please suggest a short, concise study on tithing?" "Where can we secure additional source material for stewardship programs?"

Because such questions frequently come to the southwide W.M.U. stewardship chairman, Mrs. Carter Wright, she has been asked to make recommendations concerning two booklets on stewardship. Her thoroughly helpful suggestions are as follows:

No attempt is made to suggest how the books should be taught. They teach themselves. Of course, a good teacher helps tremendously in putting over any truth, but the earnest plea is made that every member *have her own copy of each book and really learn the contents*. Only as truth is stored in our minds and hearts can it really affect our thinking and our living. Above all else, memorize some of the Scripture passages quoted therein. Let us remember that only as we quote *His Word* are we using that which "shall not return unto Him void". The following information concerning these booklets will help you to choose the one best suited to your need:

I—"God's Twin Laws" or "The Scriptural Basis for the Tithe" by John G. Alber. Order from W.M.U. Literature Department, 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham, Alabama. Price 15 cents. Fine—to teach in your own home; for study in circles; and for Y.W.A.'s.

Part one: teaches the spiritual significance of stewardship

Part two: the Scriptural basis for the doctrine of God's ownership and man's stewardship

Part three: the Scriptural basis for the tithe—(1) the antiquity of the principle of the tithe; (2) the relation of the law and the Gospel; (3) Jesus' endorsement of tithing; (4) apostolic endorsement; (5) the tithe in the post-apostolic church.

II—"God's Plan" by Dr. R. C. Campbell. Order at 10c a copy from W.M.U. Literature Dep't., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.

One of the stewardship aims of Woman's Missionary Union is "to induce the churches to adopt the 'Prove Me Plan'". This booklet, "God's Plan", was written by the executive secretary of Texas Baptist Convention. It grew out of his own experience when pastor of the church at Lubbock, Texas, when that church under his leadership adopted the "Prove Me Plan".

This book is recommended with the hope that not only the members of Women's Missionary Societies will study it but that churches, as a whole, will do so. Of course the pastor will lead in this effort, but W.M.S. members can encourage and help. Probably the most effective way to study the book would be in groups. Where facts and statistics are given in reference to Texas work, through advanced assignments be prepared to furnish information about those same items in your own state. Put a copy of the book in the hands of all. It will be a paying investment. An intensive study of this book would be a fine preparation for the Every Member Canvass.

Perhaps it would emphasize the teachings of the book if, at the close of the study, the playlet—"The Prove Me Plan"—was presented some Sunday evening in your church. (*This playlet is free from your state W.M.U. headquarters.*) Before attempting to put on the "Prove Me Plan", aid your pastor in securing an approximate estimate of the financial strength of your church. *This is most important as it proves conclusively what the church could do if it would.*

BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Miss Isabelle Coleman, Virginia

SUGGESTIONS

The Open Door (pages 81-84) gives the current annual report of southern Baptist work in Mexico. It is free for the asking. Foreign Mission Board, Box 1595, Richmond, Va.

The Commission (March and May issues) contains valuable supplementary material for this program. (*The Commission* is the S.B.C. foreign mission journal: only 50 cents a year from Foreign Mission Board, Box 1595, Richmond, Va.)

The World Almanac (1938—60c; page 649, column II) gives a resumé of the new constitution of Mexico and presents the religious restrictions. (Also, see pages 616-617 and 647-649.)

The poster or program sheet may carry a large S cut from gold paper. This "S" may serve as the initial letter for every item on the program.

TOPIC: Sheaves in Two Spanish-Speaking Lands

Spanish Melodies (*Victrola or Piano—Softly While Members Arrive*)

Silent Prayer

Scripture Study—Isaiah 42:1-22 (*See also page 11.*)

Solo or Quartet—Hymn for Year

Summer Business—Reports, Plans etc.

Some History—Cuba and Mexico Fifty Years Ago (*Pages 17-20*)

Surveying the Present in Cuba and Mexico (*Pages 20-21*)

Sing "Faith of Our Fathers"

Silent Prayer

Southern Baptists Work in Cuba and Mexico (*Pages 21-25*)

Sure Prospects for the Kingdom's Future in Cuba and Mexico (*Page 25*)

Sheaf of Gold in Cuba (*Pages 26, 15-16*)

Season of Prayer

CURRENT SURVEY of BAPTIST WORK in MEXICO

Representing the Foreign Mission Board, Dr. R. S. Jones, home secretary, attended the annual sessions of the W.M.U. and General Convention of Mexico at Easter-time last spring. "I was profoundly impressed by the culture, charm and personalities of the Mexican Baptists. Nowhere have I found a finer group. Many are highly educated and well trained", declares Dr. Jones. "The Conventions were well attended".

Dr. Jones further reports that "the conditions have changed very little since the controversy between the government and the Roman Catholic Church began a few years ago. The restrictions, however, vary according to the attitude of the respective governors of the several states. There is no federal regulation, but every state determines the extent of religious work that shall be permitted. In a few of the states there is almost absolute religious freedom and the work of the Baptist churches is not interfered with in any way. In other states religious services are practically prohibited. Where there are restrictions, very little work can be done. So subtle and strange are these prohibitions that one's imagination can scarcely fathom them. For instance, in one town the government exacts \$25 as a fee for playing the organ at any and every service".

PROGRAM PLANS

Mrs. T. M. Pittman, North Carolina

With the PROGRAM COMMITTEE



A missionary meeting in August has many difficulties to face. It is the usual vacation month, when members are scattered far and near for recreation and rest. Those who are enduring the heat of our southern summer often have visitors in their homes or find it too much of an exertion to go to a meeting.

The Program Committee must reckon with all of these difficulties and excuses. It may be wise to get a special committee on transportation who will secure cars to go for members who have none. A half hour's ride at the close of the meeting would be a treat for some members, and all would enjoy stopping at a home for lemonade on the lawn. There are women in our societies who are tied down by home duties. To these an afternoon meeting at the church, followed by a ride and a glass of lemonade with a group of friends, would be an outing to be remembered with pleasure always.

The ride may be worked up into a real "cavalcade" by tying bows of lavender tissue paper on the cars and being sure to drive slowly through the main residential streets. Why should not the society be glad to show that there were ten, twenty or more cars full of women at the meeting?

Such plans depend upon the type of society, the size of the town and other things. The committee will know whether it is best or not to follow this suggestion.

For the program there might be a "Mid-Summer Story Hour". Even grown people like stories and there seems to be something in the mind that retains stories better than statements. First there should be "The Sunday School Paper That Opened Up Cuba". Secure someone who will make this into a real "once-upon-a-time" story and who will tell it with animation and enthusiasm. If someone will ask, as a child certainly would, "And what happened then?" the story teller may add briefly the other facts about Cuba. (See pages 17-26.)

It will be a little more difficult to prepare a story from the material on Mexico. But careful reading will bring out the early tragedy of the missionary, Mr. Westrup; the blood-stained diary in the hands of Dr. Powell; the wonderful years of growth; the terrible years of war and destruction; the pastor who became a peddler; the hospital that became a seminary etc. (See pages 19-21, 24, 25.)

Time must be left for the officers etc. to check on the progress the society has made in the eight months of the Jubilee Year. Have the necessary number of new members been added to make the ten per cent increase? Has there been a ten per cent gain in contributions? Only four months remain after August but great things can be done in that length of time if the women will determine to accomplish them. Put the aims on posters to keep before them.

There is an oft misquoted Bible verse: "That he who runs may read" is what we hear again and again. Turn to Habakkuk 2:2 and you will find: "Write the vision and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it". The first represents a man already running; the real meaning is that there is one loitering idly who needs to be given a vision that will cause him to run to "publish glad tidings!" This the Jubilee Year does for our societies.

A GOLDEN SHEAF of CUBA



We are indebted to Miss Mildred Matthews for the following story about the golden sheaf selected for this month's outstanding personality. From their fellowship in Cuba the missionary writes:

The golden sheaf of Cuba, about whom this story is written, is not gilded but is really golden. If ever there were a person of "pure gold" in Cuba it is Miss Virginia Pérez who is the secretary of our Cuban W.M.U. Her interest in W.M.U. work began with her conversion and has never decreased but, on the contrary, has increased as the years have gone by.

Miss Pérez was born April 10, 1904, on a farm near Remedios in Santa Clara Province. In that obscure little village there is no Baptist work but the citizens have heard the Gospel because, when Miss Virginia has gone back to visit relatives, services have been held in the railroad station, the only available place for public gatherings. It is generally known as "the town where Miss Virginia Pérez was born".

When Virginia was a child her family moved to another town in the hills of the same province. There Virginia grew to young womanhood. It would be impossible to tell of her conversion without telling of her friend and chum who was converted at the same time. Although this story is about Virginia we must mention Leonelia. They had the same surname but were not relatives. They were great friends. They were unusually lively, bright and attractive and wherever any fun was going on they were sure to be there.

One day a Baptist preacher went to that town and started a mission. As he went visiting in the homes explaining his mission and inviting the people to the services, he met these girls and was especially attracted with their alertness: a silent prayer went up to the Throne that these girls might be claimed for the Master. Virginia and Leonelia did attend the services, perhaps for entertainment but soon came to know and love their Lord in a deeply consecrated way. As soon as they realized how precious was their salvation, they made a covenant with one another to do all in their power to carry on the Lord's work. They were always present at the services, bringing flowers and trying to make the little room as attractive as possible. They invited others to the services, were zealous Bible students and were a great help to the pastor.

Miss Virginia has told us that she was president of the W.M.S. without ever having seen a missionary society and that her friend was the secretary. They had a vague idea of how it should be conducted from what the pastor told them and what they read in the paper about what other societies were doing. They held their regular meetings though perhaps not according to our modern W.M.U. methods; Virginia organized and led a Sunbeam Band without ever having seen such an organization. One of her Sunbeams from that town is now a student in our Baptist Theological Seminary in Havana. As Virginia and Leonelia became

more interested in their work they realized more and more the great opportunity for work in that town and in so many other places and there came a great desire that was almost an obsession to study and prepare themselves to be efficient workers for the Master. They finally confided their desires to their beloved pastor and he greatly rejoiced but wondered where they could get this preparation.

At Santa Clara Misses Garnett and Sewell had a girls' school. There was a seminary for young men in Havana but no girls were admitted. It was decided that Misses Garnett and Sewell would take a few girls in their school and give them as far as possible the same training that they had received in the W.M.U. Training School. Virginia and Leonelia were the first students and are the only two graduates of that Training School. Other girls studied there but these two are the only ones who took the four years' course. Never has a school graduated more capable workers than these two.

While they were students in the Training School they attended their first Cuban Baptist Convention. Virginia took notes on everything that was said and done and has told us that she has those notes even today. Since then we have never seen her at a convention without her note book and pencil. She always takes notes for she goes there to learn all she can. During their years of study in Santa Clara they led W.M.U. young people's organizations and worked in the Y.W.A.

After their graduation Virginia went to work as a missionary in Cienfuegos and while there had a Full Graded Union with all A-1 organizations. Then she was transferred to Cardenas where she did the same type of W.M.U. work. She also worked as a missionary and pastor's assistant at Placetas, Artemisa; she now is our lone missionary in the little town of Madruga. Thus she has worked in the four provinces of western Cuba and has led splendid W.M.U. organizations at each place.

Not many years after her graduation she was elected our young people's leader and for several years held that position. She then became mission study leader and not only kept the records of mission study but took advantage of every opportunity to go to other churches and teach mission study classes. We have known her to spend her vacations teaching mission study classes to the women and girls in the church where she was visiting.

For the last few years she has been our W.M.U. secretary. It would be impossible to estimate the value of her interest in W.M.U. work and what it has meant to the churches where she has worked. In 1937 she had the pleasure of attending the W.M.U. annual meeting at New Orleans and the Y.W.A. Camp at Ridgecrest. She returned to Cuba in the midst of our first Y.W.A. House-party where her enthusiasm and winning personality and consecration had a great part in making that house-party a grand success. She is indeed a Golden Sheaf of our Cuban W.M.U.

RIDGECREST (Concluded from Page 5)

program at other times. Miss Kathleen Mallory will represent the Woman's Missionary Union of the south. Dr. M. E. Dodd will give a report of his experiences on his recent visit to our mission fields of South America. Dr. J. O. Williams, business manager of the Sunday School Board, will also speak.

Directed recreation will be provided for children each morning on the beautiful grounds at Ridgecrest. There will be no program in the afternoons, the guests being left free for rest or sightseeing trips to the many places of interest near-by.

Reservations should be made at once by writing to Mr. Perry Morgan, Ridgecrest, N. C.—Miss Inabelle Coleman



PROGRAM for AUGUST



The list of reference material given at close of this program is the chief source used in the preparation of this program, and credit is hereby given for facts and suggestions derived therefrom as well as for matter quoted in whole or in part. Further interesting material and help may be found in this "Sheaf" 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 donations on page 3.

Prepared by Mrs. C. D. Cressman, Tennessee

THEME for YEAR: "SHEAVES . . . with REJOICING"—Psalm 126:6

TOPIC for MONTH—Mexico and Cuba: "Sheaves . . . with Rejoicing"

Hymn for the Year —Watchword for the Year

Bible Study—Jesus and Forgiveness—Matt. 18:22-35 (Page 11)

Prayer that we may have the forgiving spirit of Jesus

Hymn—More Like the Master

Cuba Fifty Years Ago

—Mexico Fifty Years Ago

Prayer thanking God for southern Baptist achievements in Cuba and Mexico

Cuba Today

—Mexico Today

Hymn—Throw Out the Lifeline

Southern Baptists at Work in Cuba

Southern Baptists at Work in Mexico

Prayer asking God's blessings on the work and the workers in Cuba and Mexico

Cuba and Mexico Tomorrow

—A Golden Sheaf of Cuba

Hymn—Bringing in the Sheaves

Prayer that we may do our best to win many sheaves for Jesus in Cuba and Mexico

CUBA FIFTY YEARS AGO



To our mothers, as to us, Cuba was a land of romantic loveliness. Not so many of them had visited the magic island, for distances meant much more in those days but our W.M.U. mothers were students of history and knew the thrilling part Cuba had played in the story of the Americas. They had read of her unsurpassed tropical beauty. So in their thoughts of Cuba mingled visions of gay conquistadores with glittering armour, of beautiful women hanging over balconies as they were serenaded in the tropical moonlight, of sparkling seas and pearly beaches, of green palms and blue skies, of light and color, of sunshine and flowers, of beauty and romance.

And yet the tender hearts of our missionary mothers of fifty years ago must have been touched by the deplorable condition of Cuba's people. The island at that time was still under Spanish control. High revenue was paid to Spain and nothing spent on Cuban development. Trade was prohibited between Cuba and any country except Spain. There was no education except that given by the priests to a favored few. There was no freedom of the press except for the Spanish papers. Indeed there was no freedom of any kind for the poor Cubans. Seething in their hearts were hatred and resentment toward Spain which had already brought several attempts at rebellion and which was to culminate, only a few years later, in the great revolution against Spanish domination. And in the hearts of the people of the United States was a pitying friendli-

ness toward the Cubans which in less than a decade of time led them to help Cuba obtain her liberty.

Under such conditions we may be sure that the W.M.U. women of 1888 were glad to remember that southern Baptists already were working to win Cuba to Christ. The very first appeal sent from the W.M.U. office in Baltimore was for work in Cuba. But before we tell of that we must go back a few years to see how Baptist missions in Cuba began.

The story begins with a little Cuban girl by the musical name of Adela Fales. Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, in "Cuba for Christ", tells the story of how this little girl came with her family to live a few years in Biloxi, Mississippi. There the family attended the Baptist church and after a while the older members joined. Adela, though too young to become a church member, was a faithful attendant at Sunday school and the other services of the church and greatly enjoyed the stories in the Sunday school paper, "Kind Words". When she was nine years old the family moved back to Cuba and the little girl, greatly grieved over leaving her Sunday school, took with her the New Testament they had given her and copies of "Kind Words" which she had saved. These she read to her Cuban playmates. After a time, much reading made the "Kind Words" stories seem a little stale and she longed to return to her Sunday school to obtain more copies. Later the family moved to Key West where Adela eagerly hunted up a Sunday school. But the one she found was not in a Baptist church and they had no "Kind Words". However after a while she found a Baptist Sunday school meeting in the afternoon. This she attended and one afternoon the missionary pastor, Rev. W. F. Wood, distributed copies of "Kind Words". When the young Cuban girl recognized the old Sunday school paper she had so loved and longed for she sprang to her feet and kissed it, weeping over it in her great joy. Through this incident Mr. Wood learned the story of Adela's love for the Bible and "Kind Words" and became interested in giving the Gospel to her country. So when the Florida Baptist Convention met in 1884 he introduced a resolution calling for action in sending the Gospel to Cuba. A beginning was made by employing Miss Fales as a teacher and interpreter in Mr. Wood's work among Cubans living in Key West.

Then, through correspondence with friends back home, to Adela came news of a man preaching Baptist doctrines in Havana. She heard that the priests could not stop him and that many people were believing what he taught. Strange news this to come from Catholic cursed, priest dominated Cuba. Adela told the story to Mr. Wood who in turn carried it to the Florida Baptist Board of Missions with the result that he was sent to Havana to investigate the matter. And there, sure enough, he found a young man—Alberto Diaz—preaching the Word of God. His story proved to be a most thrilling one. He had been a Cuban soldier and in one of the many rebellions against Spain had been captured but had escaped by the sea one dark night and had taken refuge in New York. While there he had come in contact with the Gospel and had been converted. He had returned to Cuba eager to lead his family and friends to Christ but had been coolly received and practically ostracized. Later his family had gone with him to New York and there both he and his sister had been baptized. Then he had returned to Cuba, this time employed by the American Bible Society. He had at first preached in a hotel lobby, then a group of interested young men had rented a hall for his services. Many attended the meetings and some believed the Word which he preached.

So when Mr. Wood went on his trip of investigation, "he found a group of believers unbaptized under the leadership of a Baptist preacher as yet unordained". The Florida Mission Board, on hearing the facts, authorized Mr. Wood "to take such steps as were necessary to give aid and instruction to the group of believers and establish Diaz as a regular minister of the Baptist denomination". And so

was organized the First Baptist Church of Cuba. It was on the evening of January the tenth, 1886, that the first four brave enough to take the step were baptized. On that bright moonlight night, in the waters of the Gulf of Mexico, was enacted the first baptism in this Catholic land according to the simple requirements of the Scriptures. The day following, Alberto Diaz went with Mr. Wood to Key West and was ordained to the full ministry of the Gospel and then returned to his work in Cuba.

In May of that year the Florida State Board presented the matter of Cuban mission work to the Southern Baptist Convention and so great was the appeal that the Convention decided at once to take over the mission, placing it under the Home Board. This work became home missions rather than foreign missions for two reasons: first, because the Foreign Board did not feel that it could take on extra work at the time and second, because many people thought that Cuba would one day be a part of the United States in which case it would rightfully be a part of the home mission field. The first service rendered to Cuban Baptists was that of helping to purchase a cemetery. This was necessary because only Catholics were permitted to bury in the Catholic cemetery and there was no other burial place. Then the next important move was obtaining a place of worship. Most fortunate was the choice of a piece of property in the center of Havana which has become known as the Baptist Temple.

And it was for this cemetery and the Temple that the first appeal came to the newly organized W.M.U. in 1888. Brick cards were used to gather funds for the Temple and these "carried by the delegates and sent out from the new headquarters were the first messengers of the new organization".

So did it happen that in those dawning days of W.M.U. life the hearts of Baptist women turned first toward Cuba as they reached out a hand of loving helpfulness toward this "Little Sister" land of the southern seas. Surely it is fitting that in this year of golden rejoicing we should turn our hearts again toward Cuba as we study the achievements of her more than fifty years of Baptist work.

MEXICO FIFTY YEARS AGO

OUR W.M.U. mothers of 1888 had some acquaintance with their near-by neighbor, Mexico. Many of them lived in a state which had been at one time a part of Mexico. Some of them had crossed the Rio Grande for brief glimpses of that most interesting country. And they knew that already southern Baptists had a flourishing work there. Those who had attended Southern Baptist Conventions had thrilled over stories of missionary triumphs in Mexico as told by returned missionaries.

So far as is known the first evangelical church ever established in Mexico was organized by a Baptist preacher, Rev. James Hickey. In 1862, while living just across the border from Brownsville, Texas, this preacher received a message from a man by the name of T. M. Westrup asking him to come to Monterey and explain to him and his friends more fully the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Mr. Hickey responded to this invitation and as a result baptized this Mr. Westrup and his brother John O. Westrup and others and on January 13, 1864, organized a Baptist church. The State Mission Board of Texas took over this work and for some time supported John O. Westrup as a missionary. Then in 1880, the Foreign Mission Board took over the work, keeping Mr. Westrup on the field as its first missionary to Mexico.

In December of 1888, while on a trip with a traveling companion visiting a group of churches, Mr. Westrup was attacked by a mob of Indians and Mexicans and assassinated. When the story of this crime was told north of the Rio Grande, Texas Baptists were aroused and sent a committee to investigate conditions in

Mexico. One member of that committee was Dr. W. D. Powell. There fell into his hands the blood-stained diary of the slain missionary. This was used by the Holy Spirit to re-awaken in Dr. Powell's heart an old impression that he was called to preach the Gospel in a foreign land. So he offered himself for work in Mexico and in October of 1882 he and his wife and his wife's sister, Miss Annie Maberry, went to Saltillo. Mr. Westrup had not died in vain, for Dr. Powell proved to be one of the greatest missionaries the Foreign Board has ever sent out and wonderfully blessed was his work in Mexico. Within three months he had baptized nine converts and had organized a church. Within a year this church had forty members.

Dr. Powell not only did wonderful evangelistic work but founded and developed the Madero Institute for Girls at Saltillo. Dr. Ray, in "Southern Baptists in the Great Adventure", tells us that the work in Mexico developed rapidly and that enthusiasm for Mexican missions ran high among southern Baptists. "Never before had a mission been so dramatically presented to the Southern Baptist Convention". Dr. Powell himself came to the Convention almost every year, usually bringing with him some outstanding Mexican Baptist to tell about the work.

By the time our W.M.U. was organized in 1888, there were eight missionaries in Mexico and the Baptist work seemed well established. So it was with hopeful hearts and much enthusiasm that the women of that day studied and planned for Baptist missions in this neighbor nation.

CUBA TODAY

CUBA is a different land from what it was fifty years ago. Her freedom from the bondage of Spain, won by the help of the United States, has brought many changes. Instead of being a vassal nation she is now a republic, her government fashioned after the pattern of our own. Instead of impoverishing her people to enrich the coffers of Spain, Cuban revenue now goes for her own natural development. Havana, her capital city, is one of the most beautiful in the world with a population of over 800,000 and with public buildings of such dimensions and beauty as to make her compare favorably with the capitals of much larger lands. Her capital building, costing 18 million dollars, is one of the largest and finest capital buildings in the world. Cuba has more than three thousand miles of railroads and about three thousand miles of improved highways. There are more telephones in proportion to the population in Havana than in any other Latin American country. Cuba's agricultural development has been such as to make her lead the world in the production of sugar and tobacco. In fact she has come to produce about one-half of the sugar used by the whole world. Also she exports large quantities of oranges, lemons, grapefruit, bananas, tomatoes, potatoes and other fruits and vegetables.

Yet, with all of her development, in many respects the Cuba of today is much like the Cuba of yesterday. Her land is still a place of unsurpassed tropical beauty; her people are still charming with the warmth and romantic beauty of their Spanish nature; and, we are sorry to say, their souls are still in bondage. Freedom of government has not brought freedom from a despotic religion. The country is still Catholic with all that that means of mental and spiritual bondage. So we see in the Cuba of today about four million people, most of whom are either under the curse of Catholicism or having lost faith in this church are without a religion. In this day when the Cubans are learning the value of political, educational and social freedom how they do need to learn the truth of Christ which shall make them free indeed!

MEXICO TODAY

MEXICO has been appropriately called the "Wonder Land of the South". From the standpoint of archeology and history she is the most interesting of all Amer-

ican countries. In the richness of her soil and her natural resources she is unsurpassed in all the world. Dr. E. P. Aldredge says: "Mexico has placed her spell upon every artist, every ethnologist, every archeologist, every historian, every poet, every prophet, every missionary, every mineralogist and every big business man who has ever visited and studied her sympathetically. If there exists so wonderful a country in the whole world as Mexico we should like to find it".

Yet, as we look on this wonder land today, the picture is by no means a happy one. We see her sixteen million people infested by many ills. The years of her oppression, repression and exploitation by the Spanish aristocracy and a despotic Roman Catholic priesthood have left their scars on poor old Mexico. So we see her today, struggling to adjust herself to a freedom she has won through many revolutions and trying to construct a new regime to take the place of the old one which has been wrecked. Dr. Aldredge, in writing of the needs of Mexico, says: "The people are still in woeful ignorance, poverty, filth, disease and crime. How could it be otherwise? At least eighty per cent of them cannot read and write and never had an opportunity to learn; have never owned a home and never had an opportunity to own one until recently; and have had neither teaching nor example which would lead them to moral upright living. On the contrary they have had centuries of examples both priestly and political in gambling, drinking, sexual license, swearing, cheating, grafting, oppressing and killing, centuries of starvation and degradation physically, mentally and spiritually".

What Mexico needs is Jesus. And yet—in her rebellion against the evils of Catholicism she has failed to distinguish the Catholics from other religionists. Along with the priests she has driven out preachers and missionaries of all denominations. She has confiscated all properties of all churches. For some years she has tried to be a nation without a religion. Truly her religious problem is her most serious one. Her people cannot find true liberty except in Jesus Christ. They cannot find the right way to peace, prosperity and happiness except through Him who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. And yet they bar the way for the entrance of those who would show them this Way. Surely in all the world today there is no land more needful of our sympathy, our prayers and our help than this wonder land of the south.

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS at WORK in CUBA

WHAT a friend is the Cooperative Program—to needy lands and to southern Baptists! This beneficent agent is the medium through which our gifts go to give the Gospel to needy peoples of many countries. We who contribute to the Cooperative Program, even though our gifts be small, can rejoice because some of that money is at work in Cuba. Our Cuban field comprises four provinces of about 22,000 square miles with two and a quarter million inhabitants. Here we have about 70 workers, 12 of whom are "foreign" missionaries. Dr. M. N. McCall, our veteran superintendent of Cuban work, says: "The work of the year has been marked by advances along most lines. Two new churches have been organized, bringing the total number to 51. Three new centers of work have been opened, not counting an extensive country field in Pinar del Rio Province, where a missionary has begun work at four rural points. There has been a strengthening and solidifying of existing work. Much religious literature has been distributed. Special evangelistic meetings have been held in most of the churches. These advances have been made notwithstanding the fact that there has been no addition to the preaching force, except as students have been used as helpers. Miss Ruth Goodin, of St. Louis, Mo., has been added to the missionary force". Of especial interest last year was a Workers' Conference held in Havana in July. Workers from all parts of the field were present and results were highly satisfactory.

Schools—Our seminary at Havana had 17 students last year. These students are already missionaries for they conduct work in 8 different stations in and near Havana. In addition to these stations they pastor 5 churches in reach of Havana by bus line, while one student goes twice a month to a church one hundred miles away. Including Sunday schools 28 services a week are conducted by the students. The work of the Cuban-American College is progressing. "Most of the pupils come from non-Christian homes and the school opens many doors to the missionary visitor". Dr. McCall says that most of the active workers in the Cuban churches come from our schools. Illustrating the fruits of the schools Dr. McCall tells an interesting story of a poor widowed wash woman who when converted entered three children in the school. The oldest of these was last year the only girl in the seminary preparing for Christian work. The son, though still very young, is an active deacon in his church.

Medical Work—Medical work is being conducted in Cardenas and Havana with gratifying results. In Cardenas the pastor is the physician in charge and has his clinic in rooms adjoining the church. Equipment for this clinic was provided by the Woman's Missionary Union of the south through the Annie W. Armstrong Offering. An interested Baptist doctor in the United States gave a very fine microscope to this work. In Havana the office equipment of the medical dispensary was obtained through the generosity of Mrs. E. M. Bailey of Georgia, who donated that of her deceased husband. A Christian Cuban doctor of Havana contributes his services three afternoons a week to free consultations for the poor. "An average of forty office patients per week have been treated since the Havana dispensary was opened. Treatments and consultations are free and in many cases medicines are given when needed. Friends have helped with clinical material and small gifts for medicines. The married women's class of the Havana Sunday school gives ten dollars a month for medicines. Young ladies of the same congregation lend their services for clerical and other assistance. Tracts and Gospel portions are distributed. It is not an unusual thing to see twenty patients in the waiting room on a single afternoon. The work promises great opportunity for bodily and spiritual healing and deserves larger support".

W.M.U.—This year, which is golden for us, is silver for the Cuban W.M.U. for they are celebrating their 25th anniversary. A missionary writes: "The beginnings, twenty-five years ago, were small and growth was slow for several years but the Union has become a positive force in our mission work. All phases of missionary activity—soul winning, study of the Bible and missions, maintenance of the family altar, tithing and development of young people—are vigorously carried on". The writer of these programs was delighted to receive some days ago a copy of the magazine for the Cuban W.M.U. containing the Spanish translation of a *Royal Service* program. She could not read it but felt happy in the thought that her work was being used for the missionary training of the Cuban women. Our Missionary, Miss Mildred Matthews, is the president of the Cuban W.M.U., and it is she who edits the W.M.U. magazine, translating programs for the women and young people. The vice president of the Havana Province, Mrs. Pura Cova de Hernandez, was an honor guest from Cuba at our Jubilee annual meeting in Richmond and charmed everybody with her enthusiastic description of W.M.U. work in Cuba. She paid high tribute to Miss Matthews, saying: "We all love Miss Matthews. She is our president. We don't need any other president". Last year in connection with the Workers' Conference held in Havana a Y.W.A. Camp was conducted, twenty girls from Cuban churches getting together for conference and study.

Sunday School and Training Union—The Sunday schools of Cuba have been most active in training work. Translation of the training courses of our own

Sunday School Board together with books written to meet the particular needs of the Cuban work have been taught from time to time. Through this work modern methods of Sunday school work have been carried into the most remote rural churches and missions. There is a Sunday School Convention which meets just preceding the meeting of the National Baptist Convention. There is also a Baptist Federation of young people which is doing splendid work in improving the work of the local B.Y.P.U.'s. This, in addition to the weekly meetings with programs on pertinent subjects of the Christian life and church activities, fosters many evangelistic activities such as cottage prayer meetings, services on the streets, in parks and jails and other institutions and mission Sunday schools.

Buildings—An encouraging feature of the work in Cuba is the buildings made possible by the Bottoms Trust Fund. Several new chapels have been erected and others improved. The beloved Baptist Temple, which the "Brick Cards" of our mothers of 1888 helped to buy, is being extensively repaired. These repairs will provide a chapel and gymnasium, additional dormitory space for seminary students, larger quarters for the Cuban-American College, larger and more convenient missionary residences and adequate quarters for the medical clinic. "Provision will be made for all departments of Calvary Church and Sunday school, the Baptist Press and headquarters office. The building is being rebuilt inside and outside, new steel being used to re-inforce walls, concrete and steel being substituted for wood which had been damaged by termites, the outside being refinished in concrete that looks like cut stone. The cost will be about \$30,000 and will provide the most convenient, complete and attractive center of Baptist work in any Latin American country, strategically located in the very heart of the Queen City of the Caribbean".

Evangelism—Of course all of our work is evangelistic in its purpose. In his last report, Dr. McCall speaks of the wonderful evangelistic opportunities. He reminds us that in the great city of Havana there are only two Baptist churches. He says: "We are trying to supply the lack by having neighborhood missions in reach of as many people as possible. There are six of these missions within the corporate limits of the city and as many more just outside of the city". Then he speaks of the great evangelistic opportunity presented by university students. There are over 10,000 enrolled in the National University in Havana. These do not live in dormitories but are scattered through the city. There are probably not more than two dozen Christians among them and no religious work has ever been done in their behalf. Then there are other cities and great country fields ripe and ready for the harvest. We are glad that our workers are doing all they can to meet the needs. They report for last year 8,166 preaching services and 199 baptized into the 51 churches.

House-to-house visitation has been a productive method of evangelism in Cuba. Marvelous stories are told of groups of young people meeting as early as five in the morning and, after a short service, going forth to try to reach every home in the community, spending a whole day at this work, stopping only long enough to eat, then returning to the church at about ten P.M. for a service of rejoicing before going to their homes for the night. Once in Cruces, 125 took part in the work visiting over 800 homes and giving out nearly 4,000 tracts. More than 5,000 people heard something of the pure message of the Gospel, many of them for the first time. Of course after such a visitation the church was crowded with people and a great revival followed.

A most effective means of evangelism is cottage prayer meetings. One of our workers, Mrs. Negrin, says that there is not a night in the week when she and her husband are at home; the nights when there is no service in the church they hold cottage prayer meetings in different places. She says: "Rain, mud, dark

alleys, nothing at all keeps us from going into the most remote places". She tells a most interesting incident of one of these meetings: "A meeting was being held in the home of Consuelo, a young girl who helped make a living by doing laundry work and who was a fervent Catholic. The first time we asked her to lend us her home she refused, thinking such a meeting would be a sin against her religion. But at last she gave her permission and borrowed chairs and prepared her sitting room for the meeting. Around fifty neighbors came to hear the Gospel and it was a wonderful service. Consuelo was converted that night along with a large number of those who attended the services. She no longer fears the Catholic priest for she has accepted Jesus as her Saviour and now every Sunday, instead of putting on her long veil and going to the Catholic church, she gathers up a large group of children and grown-up people and brings them to Sunday school".

The depression in Cuba has led to some splendid evangelistic work. Laymen deprived of regular employment conceived it to be their opportunity to use this enforced idleness in definite evangelistic effort. Bands were formed which went out to many places telling the lost about Jesus. So the revival fires are burning in Cuba and many lost are being saved.

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS at WORK in MEXICO

NOW for some years we have not been able to do much work in Mexico. In the last report from Mexico we find both discouraging and encouraging statements. We are told that in some parts of the country opposition and persecution are still very bitter. But in other sections the authorities are allowing the churches to hold services and the pastors to preach again after years of enforced silence. Two good results are seen from the years of opposition to Baptist work. First, the workers are studying out new methods of doing the work. One pastor has become a peddler that he might tell people of Jesus while trying to sell his wares. In the second place there has grown up on the part of many of the workers a determination to carry on and to do the work in the midst of difficulties and in spite of all opposition. Recently when a pastor of one of the churches in Mexico was offered a much easier and more remunerative position in Texas, his answer was: "My work, my place is here in my own country with my own people. My Mexico must be won to Christ in spite of difficulties and sacrifices on my part". Surely such a spirit will overcome all difficulties and win Mexico to Christ.

The Mexican Baptist Convention held a most successful convention at Saltillo in April of this year. One hundred and twenty-five messengers from 50 churches and 100 visitors attended. Among the visitors were Dr. R. S. Jones, home secretary of our Foreign Mission Board, several of our home missionaries among Mexicans, also certain pastors of American churches in Texas. Gifts amounting to over \$14,000 were reported. Fourteen missionaries among Indians had been supported. During the convention sessions, 25 men and women made professions of faith and joined the Saltillo church. Our home missionary, Mr. Ruiz, who attended this meeting writes: "It was a glorious convention. . . . I saw nothing but good spirit. I heard of no persecutions. They have difficulties and problems but want to face them with incessant prayer and a brave heart".

The W.M.U. of Mexico also has a national convention in connection with the Mexican National Baptist Convention. The report says: "They are carrying on in a very fine way, especially are they showing much interest and giving much help to the work of their national convention among the Indians of the country". Seventeen B.Y.P.U. organizations report a combined membership of 521 last year. These too have a convention which holds its sessions in connection with the annual meeting of the National Baptist Convention.

A seminary for the training of Mexican preachers on both sides of the border

has been located for two years at San Antonio, Texas. Last year there were 31 students. "They constitute a group of fine, studious, consecrated young people and give promise of lives of blessed service for the Master through the years to come". Next year this seminary is to occupy a part of the building formerly used by the Baptist Tuberculosis Sanatorium at El Paso. This seems to be a very happy location for the seminary for not only will the building provide adequate quarters but the situation right on the Mexican border will make it possible to cultivate close relations with the work in Mexico. "In the hearts of many there is the feeling that we shall be establishing in El Paso a permanent institution for the preparation of workers among the millions of Spanish-speaking people who extend from our northern border to the Isthmus of Panama".

In El Paso also is the Mexican Publishing House which publishes literature for all Spanish-speaking people in southern Baptist missions. This plant brings out regularly 9 periodicals. Over 2,000,000 copies of these were printed and distributed last year. In addition to this 6,000 copies of books were printed. This publishing plant, too, is to be moved to the old sanatorium building. A gift of \$2,000 from the 1937 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is helping to recondition this building and in the publishing of much of the literature.

CUBA and MEXICO TOMORROW

WHAT of tomorrow in Cuba and Mexico? The answer to that question depends on what we do today. Great are the needs in these lands, wonderful are the opportunities and staggering are the responsibilities. Dr. McCall, writing of Cuba, says: "Cuba is still a new mission field, encouraging, but as yet hardly touched by Gospel influence. The entire membership of the evangelical bodies on the island is just above 20,000 in a population of over 4,000,000. When we consider their needs, the centuries of priestcraft, superstition and lack of opportunity, truly the task is great beyond anything we can imagine. Our victories thus far make us confident that, if we will enlarge our work, still greater blessings are in store for Cuba and for us".

One, who lives in Mexico, recently wrote in the "Missionary Review of the World" most encouragingly of religious conditions there. He said: "Doors for the Gospel are opening so rapidly that Christian workers are unable to enter them all. It is true that mission schools abolished three years ago are still closed but Christian forces formerly given to education are now working along definitely evangelistic lines and would not return to the old order if they could. On all sides there are fragrant, heavenly breezes. Christian workers, far from being discouraged, are on the fields with eager, wistful looks upon their faces". Dr. Beagle recently visited Mexico and he reports that he was eagerly received by the Baptists, was permitted to preach without opposition and saw little evidences of persecution.

So we see that while both Cuba and Mexico are lands of great problems they are also lands of great promise. Our Baptist message can cure their many ills. We must remember that these are the missionary lands lying closest to our own southland, that these are our starting points to all Latin America. There has been a dream of some that the day will come when there shall be a highway running from the United States right down through Mexico, then on through Central America and still on to the tip end of South America. That may be a wild dream that will never come true. But certain it is that southern Baptists can make a highway for the Lord through Mexico and Cuba on to Central and South America—a golden highway over which the Gospel Chariot can move to reach all of Latin America. Surely we must do our best to win Cuba and Mexico today that they may help us bring in a golden tomorrow for the Latin American peoples.

A GOLDEN SHEAF of CUBA

MANY are the golden sheaves in Cuba and Mexico to bring rejoicing during this golden year of Jubilee. We cannot tell the stories of all but we have chosen for this month's program, as our special golden sheaf, Miss Virginia Pérez of Cuba. Her picture and most of her story are found on pages 15-16. This story should be used on this program for it is a thrilling one and shows how the golden sheaves which we have won through the years are now gathering other golden sheaves in the harvest of our Lord.

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Discuss conditions in Cuba fifty years ago.
2. Tell the story of the beginnings of Baptist work in Cuba.
3. Why was Cuban work placed under the Home rather than the Foreign Mission Board?
4. What was the first service of the W.M.U. for Cuba?
5. Tell of the beginnings of southern Baptist work in Mexico.
6. What was the condition of the work in Mexico fifty years ago?
7. Compare Cuba of today with Cuba of fifty years ago.
8. Discuss social and religious conditions in Mexico today.
9. Who is superintendent of our mission in Cuba?
10. Who is president of the W.M.U. of Cuba?
11. Tell something of southern Baptist work in Cuba today.
12. Tell something of southern Baptist work in Mexico today.
13. Why is El Paso a good location for the Mexican Baptist Seminary?
14. Discuss the outlook for Cuba and Mexico in the future.

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TWENTY-EIGHT per cent is a big return for any investment; therefore there is great gratification in the fact that the 1936 record of 324 "outstanding" churches increased to 414 this past year. Of these 9 have been similarly "faithful" as stewards for the last 5 consecutive years; 11 for 4 years; 28 for 3 years; 91 for 2 years; while 275 became thus "zealously affected" in the year of 1937. To the pastors and W.M.S. leaders of these 414 churches Woman's Missionary Union extends hearty thanks and congratulations. A careful study of pages 60-68 of 1938 W.M.U. Year Book will definitely help your church be "outstanding" this Jubilee Year.

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- 1 Hot Springs, Second
- 1 Humphrey
- 2 Little Rock, First
- 1 Lockesburg
- 2 Mandeville
- 1 Marked Tree
- 1 Mountain Home
- 1 Nall's Memorial
- 2 New Friendship
- 2 North Little Rock, Central
- 1 Osceola
- 1 Pine Bluff, Calvary
- 1 Pine Bluff, Moser Memorial
- 2 Pottsville
- 2 Rogers
- 1 Russellville
- 2 South Ft. Smith
- 1 Sparkman
- 2 Stuttgart
- 2 Sulphur Springs
- 1 Trumann
- 1 West Memphis
- 2 Wynne

- 1 Anacosta
- 1 Bethesda
- 1 Brookland
- 1 Calvary
- 1 Chevy Chase
- 1 Congress Heights
- 1 East Washington Heights
- 1 Fifth
- 1 First
- 1 Fountain Memorial
- 1 Grace
- 1 Highlands
- 1 Hyattsville, First*
- 1 Kendall
- 1 Maryland Avenue
- 1 Metropolitan
- 1 National Baptist Memorial*
- 1 Petworth
- 1 Second
- 1 Silver Springs
- 1 Takoma Park
- 1 Temple
- 1 West Washington
- 1 Wisconsin Avenue

- 1 Alachua, First
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- 1 Jacksonville, Grand Park
- 1 Jacksonville, Woodlawn
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- 1 New Port Richey, First
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- 1 Orlando, North Park
- 1 Otter Creek, First
- 2 Perry, First
- 1 Pine Grove (Middle Assn.)
- 1 Pinellas Park
- 2 Plant City, First
- 3 St. Augustine, Calvary
- 1 St. Petersburg, Diastan Avenue
- 2 St. Petersburg, Southside
- 1 Tampa, Bennett Memorial
- 1 Tampa, Idlewild
- 3 Tallahassee, Immanuel
- 1 Tarpon Springs, First

- 1 Ailey*
- 1 Botsford
- 2 Camak
- 1 Clark's Station
- 1 Columbus, Porter Memorial
- 4 Corinth
- 2 Flintstone
- 1 Fort Valley
- 2 Franklin
- 1 Goloid*
- 1 Gough
- 2 Guyton, New Providence*
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BOOK REVIEWS



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The Missionary Education of Adults: John L. Lobingier, New York; Friendship Press, 1938; Pages 182; Board \$1; Paper 60c



This is a decidedly practical book. It is more than that, because it devotes as much attention to why to do the things it suggests as it denotes to what to do—and, often, the "why" is more important than the "what".

Although the book's primary appeal will be to mission study chairmen in the churches and to those leaders who in associational, state and southwide Unions are charged with the responsibilities of training mission study chairmen, it need not be confined to them. Pastors, members of missionary committees, presidents of Women's Missionary Societies and Baptist Brotherhoods will find it equally rewarding and suggestive. It is

well adapted for use in study classes made up of persons with at least high school education or its equivalent, the thought-questions at the close of each chapter being particularly stimulating.

Chapter 1 emphasizes the oneness of the Christian task—whether local, "home" or "foreign". Chapter 3 deals with the place of mission study classes in the missionary education program and makes suggestions for successful ones. Chapters 2 and 4 make some specific and provocative suggestions for arousing missionary interest and disseminating missionary information, using both terms in the broader sense. Chapter 5 "puts money in its place" in the general scheme of missionary education. Chapter 6 discusses the urgent matter of missionary education in young adults. The last three chapters discuss the responsibility for such education, its relationship to Christian education in general and how to test its success. We heartily recommend the book.

CURRENT MISSIONARY EVENTS

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

Dear *Royal Service* reader, do you take *Southern Baptist Home Missions*, the new home mission monthly? If you do and have not read the June issue turn to page 8 in it and read Dr. J. E. Dillard's article, "A Week in Cuba", noting particularly the account of *Some Cuban Christians*—golden sheaves for our Master. Note also the pictures on page 8 of our American missionaries at the Cuban Baptist Convention and the scene in the Baptist W.M.U. Silver Anniversary Service.

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For those who may not yet have subscribed for the home mission monthly we repeat here the story of "a widowed Cuban mother", told by Dr. Dillard, "who lives in Havana, works all week, and then on Saturdays at her own expense goes forty miles to teach little children and their mothers about Jesus and His love. She sleeps on a bare bed without a mattress; she calls upon and prays with the people; she returns to her work on Monday; she receives no salary, but she seems to be as happy as an angel". We wonder what lesson a life like that might have for some of us.

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With changing times there come new and interesting methods of reaching the unsaved in foreign mission and home mission fields. From the *Missionary Review of the World* we learn that Dr. Wallace, a Presbyterian missionary, and Professor Baez Camargo, Secretary of the National Council of Evangelical Churches, have arranged for "Wednesday breakfasts in one of the best restaurants in Mexico City to which members of the intellectual classes are invited.

The report is that those who attend these breakfasts invariably listen with deep interest to messages on vital topics by Christian leaders".

Though the tension has eased in Mexico and, according to the *Christian Century*, church services are being conducted normally in almost all of Mexico yet, though there seems to be no law on the subject, theological seminaries have not been permitted to function as they once did, hence our Foreign Mission Board established a seminary in San Antonio, Texas, for the training of Mexican preachers on both sides of the Rio Grande. As you will learn from Mrs. Creasman's program material in this issue of *Royal Service* this seminary will soon be moved to El Paso, Texas, where it will be housed in the same building with the Mexican Publishing House. If you have a copy of the May issue of our Foreign Mission Board bi-monthly, *The Commission*, look it up and turn to page 112 where you will see a picture of this beautiful property and then turn to page 91 and see the students and faculty of the seminary.

"What have you obtained by means of your new religion?" a Mexican Christian was asked. "A house", was the rather quick reply. "How is it? Explain it to me please", said the inquirer. The brother said: "Since I accepted the Christ into my heart, the time and the money I spent at the saloons and other unworthy places I am using to build a house, and by a few days more I will finish a house for my family".—*Religious Herald*

A YEAR'S FINANCIAL RECORD

January 1 to December 31, 1937

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, AUXILIARY to S. B. C., MRS. W. J. COX, TREASURER

	Reported by State Treasurers as Having Been Contributed by W.M.U. Members							Received by W.M.U. Treasurer			Cash Totals
	100,000 Club and Debt-Paying Campaign	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Ministerial Relief	Christian Education	State Missions and Other Objects in S.B.C. Program	Margaret Fund and Training School	W.M.U. Training School		Special Gifts	
								Cur. Exp. Ex. Com. S.B.C.	Scholarship Fund		
Alabama.....	\$ 9,789.41	\$ 25,280.25	\$ 12,308.17	\$ 2,337.42	\$ 19,037.05	\$ 32,095.43	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 236.87	\$ 700.00	\$ 145.69	\$ 103,730.29
Arizona.....	373.50	512.56	314.86	16.26	39.85	1,043.05	38.25	4.55		8.00	2,350.88
Arkansas.....	2,831.42	15,539.86	6,073.45	415.97	2,490.88	45,332.81	1,000.00	59.90	600.00	137.39	74,481.68
District of Columbia.....	94.00	1,134.06	403.15				200.00	38.13			1,869.34
Florida.....	8,339.63	20,582.74	9,330.62	1,572.47	8,273.43	24,434.44	500.00	182.69	350.00	*229.97	73,795.99
Georgia.....	14,706.43	23,870.13	12,200.23	64.45	195.57	137,180.75	3,882.18	242.61	1,450.00	514.75	†194,307.10
Illinois.....	1,872.00	3,935.72	2,329.36	2.69	444.14	22,490.42	*421.32	18.51		16.75	31,530.91
Kentucky.....	9,298.43	45,683.68	20,737.21	3,467.50	20,817.96	45,858.00	3,124.00	404.03	1,104.37	232.10	150,727.28
Louisiana.....	6,164.03	12,984.03	9,188.07	676.09	5,690.34	47,896.20	400.00	116.11	100.00	120.00	83,334.87
Maryland.....	430.50	6,262.70	3,251.60	485.70	971.41	9,315.15	215.15	91.90		2.00	21,026.11
Mississippi.....	4,232.93	17,763.37	11,679.17	652.45	7,455.15	33,375.64	2,020.00	143.26	550.00	356.00	78,227.97
Missouri.....	7,587.14	19,340.21	11,173.97	866.73	5,688.01	18,858.51	2,076.00	169.96	300.00	4.00	66,064.53
New Mexico.....	1,168.75	1,593.36	1,007.57			5,076.57	100.00	7.46		14.00	8,967.71
North Carolina.....	11,154.97	70,491.54	26,071.39	4,511.44	69,645.00	49,045.13	2,400.00	537.92	1,100.00	22.00	234,979.39
Oklahoma.....	4,992.00	17,861.49	6,793.35	596.30	18,249.60	57,351.62	*1,500.00		400.00	400.00	108,144.36
South Carolina.....	2,394.05	58,622.92	21,399.58	3,750.49	9,197.64	73,861.81	1,700.00	452.85	900.00		172,279.34
Tennessee.....	13,156.22	46,001.19	23,106.62	3,734.76	27,906.57	48,113.52	2,000.00	497.39	2,100.00	30.00	166,646.27
Texas.....	22,018.56	93,999.15	34,681.73	11,146.70	67,802.79	261,255.84	2,400.00	450.21	400.00	46.10	494,201.08
Virginia.....	355.66	97,169.14	37,085.87	6,035.11	58,263.16	86,346.91	4,000.00	777.71	300.00	1.00	290,334.56
Special Gifts.....								3.76			3.76
Total Gifts.....	\$120,959.63	\$578,628.10	\$249,135.97	\$40,332.53	\$322,168.55	\$998,931.80	\$29,776.90	*\$4,435.82	\$10,354.37	\$2,279.75	\$2,357,003.42

*The above items include designated gifts sent through the Executive Committee, S.B.C.; total \$6,795.46

†This amount includes \$115,095.71 given through the Cooperative Program and distributed according to the Georgia Plan

Value of Boxes to Missionaries, Orphanages and Hospitals \$86,861.17

Total Cash and Boxes \$2,443,864.59