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EDITORIAL

To CROWN the YEAR

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

"This is my Father's world:
The battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and Heaven be one!"

WE LIVE in the midst of turmoil. Our hearts are torn with the suffering of countless helpless and innocent ones. The fate of the world seems to hang on hourly decisions in this national court or that. We need to be very Christian in our own attitudes and very steady in our thinking. Above all we must be very prayerful and deeply conscious that

"Though the wrong seem oft so strong
God is the ruler yet!"

That world conditions seem now so chaotic is added challenge to our minds and hearts as we make plans in our societies and auxiliaries for the observance of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. By the extreme needs of our world we are constrained to enlist our complete and united strength to study, pray and give as never before.

We have cause for rejoicing in that the reports for 1937 indicate a wider participation in observance of the prayer seasons. We know this has resulted in a richer, fuller life in societies and auxiliaries. This is the inevitable spiritual blessing which attends such prayer, while its blessing to the world is as limitless as the promises of God. Each society that has established the custom of the daily prayer service, culminating in the full *Day of Prayer around the World*, has found that this following of the suggested plans is best for individual members, that it quickens the organization to more united effort and stimulates generous offerings. We therefore plead for a full observance of all plans for the whole week. Help the young people to realize their part. The burden of the world's sins and mistakes is theirs to share. As partners in prayer they will find the sure way and be guided to personal consecration to meet the world's dire need. Careful planning and adequate preparation are essential to full enlistment of our membership. Remembering that the glory of our united accomplishments through this first half century of organized life rests in the devotion of individual members to the cause of missions and in the way they have worked together in their societies, we are moved to do each her part in this crowning effort of the Year of Jubilee. Study the appeal of the offering objects and thus know how much of our Lord's work around the world depends upon our generous giving. The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention relies in a very real way on our prayers and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Jesus' words—"Go ye therefore"—are His charge to His disciples of all time. They lay upon each Christian a personal obligation. Since no Christian can go in person to all places, the cooperative effort of sending is the logical and inevitable outgrowth of the purpose to be obedient. This is the reason for the organization of churches and mission boards. It is the motive that led to the organization of Woman's Missionary Union. It is the explanation of its marvelous growth of fifty years. Let us now concentrate upon a worthy response in prayer and gifts to the needs of our suffering, sinning world. Thus may we truly crown this, our Year of Jubilee. "Ye shall hallow the fiftieth year . . . it shall be a Jubilee . . . it shall be holy unto you!"

OUR GOLDEN JUBILEE

Southwide Jubilee Chairman: Mrs. George McWilliams, Missouri

I AM GRATEFUL because



A little five-year-old was saying his prayers. He prayed for his mother and his father, his little sister, his big brother and his playmates. He closed with this statement: "That's all I know to pray about, Lord. Amen!"

This Golden Jubilee Year of digging into W.M.U. history of the past fifty years, of renewing allegiance to the principles upon which Woman's Missionary Union is founded and because of which it has made such phenomenal growth, has opened our hearts to greater capacity for sincere gratitude this Thanksgiving month because we *know* more about the beauties of the lives of those who have done our W.M.U.

building until now. We *know* more about the potentialities of our program. We *know* more about the responsibility that rests upon each one of us.

An actual enumeration of the things in Woman's Missionary Union for which we are thankful might be a worth-while Thanksgiving project. The very brevity of our statement might reveal a lack of knowledge; we might come too quickly to the five-year-old's "That's all I know!"

I am grateful for the example of these women of other years. Knowing their consecration to the purpose of our organization "pulls me up" to greater personal endeavor. Often I think of the story, told by Miss Inez Lung of China, concerning the Christian wife of the mayor of Canton, China. This Chinese woman had been a student in the Eliza Yates School, a pupil of Miss Hannah Fair Sallee of Shanghai. Because of the official position of herself and husband she often had to attend parties where things were done of which she did not approve. "Do you do these things yourself?" she was asked. "Oh, no, of course not", was her reply. "Why not?" "Hannah Fair Sallee would be so disappointed in me!"

I am grateful for the strength of conviction which these women had. It led them to organize Woman's Missionary Union because they knew it was needed. So often I become color-blind so far as right and wrong are concerned; there is no black or white; all looks gray.

I am grateful for the courage with which these women met their difficulties. Often I think of the picture Miss Heck drew for us of leaders going to churches uninvited, unwelcomed and going back the second time. William James says: "Mere ideals are the cheapest things in life. Everybody has them in some shape or other. The more ideals a man has, the more contemptible he is if the matter ends there and if there is no courage shown". I have to have no courage, only inclination, to do anything about my church program: I wonder how firmly I would stand if it cost me something.

I am grateful for a program that helps me to grow spiritually. My days are so filled with so many things, which I want to do, that it helps me to have a big definite program of prayer, of study, of stewardship, of personal service. The value of having a definite time and plan for doing a thing is that it gets done.

I am so grateful for these 315,613 women who are enlisted in the world missionary program of southern Baptists that I covet those 31,561 who will make up that ten per cent increase in membership this Golden Jubilee Year. The restlessness of women in an age in which so many new opportunities have come to them, opportunities to which we have not yet readjusted our lives, makes it imperative that we have a program that satisfies but does not lower the standard for womanhood.

I am grateful that Woman's Missionary Union has a program of sufficient challenge to draw and hold 296,462 young people in an age when limitless wealth is being expended on things that lower their ideals. I covet the 29,646 being sought this Golden Jubilee Year.

I am grateful for the gift of fifty-three million dollars during these fifty years. These millions have made it possible to bring the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ to so many.

I am grateful for those ten Woman's Missionary Unions on foreign fields. Also I rejoice in the one in Cuba.

I am grateful—the bottom of page 5 has been passed and I still need not say, "That is all I know!" Do you?—Mrs. George McWilliams

GOALS of GOLDEN JUBILEE

- 1—10% increase in total W.M.U. gifts of 1938 over total W.M.U. gifts of 1937
- 2—An additional Jubilee gift of \$50,000 for future development of W.M.U. Training School
- 3—An additional Jubilee gift of \$10,000 for work for Negro women and young people
- 4—10% net increase in number of organizations and members
- 5—115,000 covenant-signing tithers
- 6—Emphasis upon required books, Mission Study Institutes, Pioneer Classes
- 7—A Personal Service Committee in every W.M.S., emphasizing soul winning

If your society completes during this month and December each of its goals for this present calendar year, then your association, district and state as well as the entire southern Union will be largely helped in reaching their respective goals for this Golden Jubilee Year, the ones for the entire south being listed above. Always we want to reach worthy goals. Multiplied by all the hallowed memories and far vision of the Golden Jubilee is our "will to win" this particular year.

If your W.M.S. or your Y.W.A. does not receive its free copy of this book by November first, please write for it to your state W.M.U. headquarters. November is the month for study of this preparatory book, "For This Cause".



WHEN YOUR CIRCLE STUDIES "For This Cause"

by Miss Inabelle G. Coleman, large help will be available in the following suggestions by Miss Nan F. Weeks who is a valued member of the editorial and publicity departments of the Foreign Mission Board. Concerning this preparatory study book, Miss Weeks says:

From the breadth of her personal experience and study and from the depth of her own devotional life Miss Inabelle G. Coleman, publicity secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, has given to Woman's Missionary Union the challenging book *For This Cause*. In her message the author has ably combined the practical and the spiritual, giving to each its rightful emphasis and creating a true and wholesome balance.

Preparation—This book demands earnest thought on the part of any class. It calls for a thorough study by the leader, a definite outline of each chapter and the acquisition of incidents, pictures, charts and the like to illustrate the abstract truths.

Materials—On a cardboard mat, large enough to leave a four-inch border, mount a map of the world. Around this border place pictures of missionaries, hospitals, schools and other enterprises supported by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. By means of colored lines or pieces of string connect each picture with its location on the map. (See pictures in free packet from Foreign Mission Board. Also secure them from the *Album of Southern Baptist Foreign Missionaries*, price 50c from State Baptist Bookstore.)

Outline Charts—Each chapter outline should be printed on a large card and placed before the class for the study period. This will be an aid in following and remembering the outstanding thoughts of the session.

PRESENTATION

Chapter One—"The Eternal Purpose". The period spent on this chapter, which sounds the keynote for the entire study, should be devotional in tone. Begin with the reading of Ephesians 3:14-21 and the forceful opening paragraph of the chapter. The consideration of each topic might close with an actual expression of the theme:

Through Prayer—a season of brief prayers

Through God's Word—the reading of challenging missionary passages, references being assigned in advance (Mark 16:15; Luke 24:48; Acts 1:8; Romans 10:13-15; Revelation 11:15)

Through Modern Missionary Chronicles—study of map and pictures around it. (See Foreign Mission Board's report, *The Open Door*, furnished free upon request.)

Through the Holy Spirit—The lesson's personal challenge, *God has a plan for every life*, may be stressed by reference to Bible characters whose lives reveal God's eternal purpose (Abraham, Moses, Joseph, Esther, Peter, Paul). Close with "Breathe on Me, Breath of God", and the prayer on page 26.

Chapter Two—"Unto the Father". Call to worship (Exodus 20:1 and 3) and hymn "O Worship the King" may be followed by brief mention of gods worshiped in America today—Pleasure, Popularity, Wealth, Luxury, Fame and others. Have seven members discuss briefly the seven "isms". Use pictures and

(Concluded on Page 31)



BOOK REVIEWS



Miss Willie Jean Stewart, Tennessee

Any books reviewed in this magazine may be ordered from State Baptist Bookstore. The price of each book is quoted with its review.

For This Cause: Inabelle G. Coleman, Richmond; Broadman Press, 1938; Pages 120; Price 25 Cents



This is the annual book about our southern Baptist foreign mission work provided by the Foreign Mission Board for use in preparation for the Week of Prayer and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. It is always a source of amazement that these books covering the same general ground should be so fresh and "various". This one is especially unique in its approach and method. Instead of taking up the fields country by country, Miss Coleman has chosen rather to make this a study of Paul's prayer for the Ephesians, as given in Ephesians 3:14-21, and to use her missionary material as illustrations of its working in world life. The result is exceedingly effective in developing appreciation and making a major appeal to the too-long-neglected emotions, rather than to the intellect alone.

The study is divided into five short chapters, each of which takes up an important phase of Paul's prayer, comments on it briefly and illustrates it, not with statistics and reports, but with vivid human interest stories from the various mission fields, one illustration being drawn usually from each country where we have work. The entire Scripture passage is printed at the beginning of each chapter in a different version, which in itself is a vital commentary on it. At the close of each chapter there is provision for a period of quiet meditation in which the various fields and interests personal as well as missionary are lifted up, one by one, to God in silent but united prayer. The teaching purpose of the book is served by a few brief questions at the close of each chapter which spotlight what the author conceives as its most vital teachings.

The phrase on which the first chapter is based is the one which gives title to the book, "For This Cause". The cause is interpreted as God's eternal purpose which is revealed through prayer, through study of His Word, through modern missionary experiences from the days of William Carey down to the dangers and hardships of the present conflict in China and through the working of the Holy Spirit in surrendered hearts wherever these are found.

Chapter two takes up the phrase, "unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in Heaven and earth is named". Emphasis is put on the gift of Jesus as offered from God's own yearning heart to meet the universal yearnings of men who have sought to find God through all the great world religions, including heathen and papal lands, as well as in groups of untrained Christians at home and abroad.

Chapter three develops "the riches of His glory" and "the breadth and length and depth and height" of His love, showing that this four-dimensional love can be known only by those imbued with His Spirit and strengthened by His abiding, controlling presence. It illustrates this truth with telling missionary examples and calls attention to certain byproducts of mission work in general and W.M.U. work in particular.

The moving fourth chapter describes "the love of Christ which passeth knowledge" in terms of the praise, the privations, the persecutions and the perseverance of the missionaries. It also shows the unfulfilled expectations of "Christian America" on the part of the Christian nationals of mission lands.

Chapter five brings the study to a fitting close with the "doxology" at the close of Paul's prayer. Illustrations are drawn from the world-wide investment of W.M.U. as it has received the seal of approval on its work possible only to those who know the simple secret of humble abiding in Him.

Surely all who study the book faithfully must find their hearts moved, their interest quickened and their prayers and gifts increased, that all may know the love that passeth knowledge. Arrange for the classes in your organization to study it before the December Week of Prayer. (See suggestions on page 7.)

To each W.M.U. and Y.W.A. organization one free copy is supplied through state W.M.U. headquarters. In addition, copies are to be purchased as indicated above.



STEWARDSHIP SUGGESTIONS



Southwide Stewardship Chairman: Mrs. Carter Wright, Alabama

TIME and MONEY

"Time is the most valuable thing we have; money is the most dangerous".

"The greatest problem that confronts a Christian is the use he makes of his days".

"Each day and each dollar are a trust from God".

TIME AND MONEY—the chief, because the all-inclusive elements in Christian stewardship! They constitute the great problem that confronts the churches today. The majority of Christians continue to rob God of money and time that are sacredly His own; and, consequently, funds are woefully inadequate and practically every church finds it difficult to secure the leadership necessary for carrying on its program of work. Often the excuse given by those refusing to serve is, "I haven't time".

Solving the Problem of Time

At a district meeting in Mississippi last June a stewardship chairman, the busy wife of a busy pastor, offered the following excellent solution for the problem of time. She said:

"Time is certainly God-given, a divine entrustment. God gave a definite rule as to the time He expected devoted to Him, one-seventh, which is more than He asked of our money. I am positive that our sin is greater in this day and time along the line of robbing God of time than any other thing. I was thinking seriously about this last year, and so I kept a diary for six months, keeping account of the amount of time that I gave directly to God and His program, training myself all the while not to refuse a single opportunity to serve in whatever capacity I was called upon. The time thus given amounted to more than three hundred hours. I began patting myself on the back, thinking that I was an unusually good steward. Then I checked up. I remembered that God expected

one-seventh of my time to be devoted to Him. I figured that that seventh would certainly amount to twelve hours per week—the minimum. So I found that, after all, I had barely given the minimum of time that God required, even though I had taken part in every phase of work that our church required. Immediately I determined never to offer as an excuse that I did not have time for anything that needed to be done for the Lord. Give God *His seventh* and there will be time for Sunday school, for the preaching service, the B.T.U. and for W.M.U. with its circle meetings; there will be time for prayer, study, personal service and other activities of the church. Paul summed up our duty by saying: 'Present your bodies a living sacrifice holy, acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service'".

Even if you do not agree with our friend's interpretation of what God's requirement of one-seventh of our time means, you *must* agree with Paul that, remembering Calvary, it is but our *reasonable* service to present our bodies a continual sacrifice to God. If this be true, then the twelve hours per week would indeed seem the minimum.

"No time for God!
What fools we are to clutter up
Our lives with common things
And leave without the heart's gate
The Lord of life and Life itself!"

No gold for God!
What fools we are to clamor so
For things that soon decay
And fail to grasp those riches rare
That would endure for aye!

PREPARING for PRAYER WEEK



MISS LOTTIE MOON

HOW finely Miss Moon and Miss Annie W. Armstrong fifty years ago prepared for the first W.M.U. Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions! The hope set before them was: "Christmas for Christ! Two missionaries for Pingtu!" Their immediate reward was three missionaries; their accumulated reward cannot be told in words or figures but year by year W.M.U. women and young people in increasing numbers and with a total offering of over \$3,648,000 have observed the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions with its world-encircling Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The dates this year are November 28-December 2 inclusive. The offering's goal, as herewith set forth, is \$200,000. (See also pages 1, 4, 6-8.)

Begin now, please, to prepare for this divinely blessed Week of Prayer!

LIST of OBJECTS for 1938 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

(To Have Preference in Order Herewith Listed)

1. Salaries of 125 Missionaries	\$100,000
2. Education of Missionaries' Sons and Daughters (Margaret Fund)	16,000
3. Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial	12,350
(1) Pooi In Bible Training School, Canton, China	\$2,600
(2) Woman's and Girl's Department in North China Baptist Seminary and Bible School, Hwanghsien	1,000
(3) W.M.U. Training School, Japan	1,500
(4) Woman's Bible Training School, Budapest, Hungary	2,000
(5) Current Expenses of Woman's Training School, Rio, Brazil	1,500
(6) Current Expenses of Woman's Training School, Recife, Brazil	1,500
(7) Woman's Training School, Buenos Aires, Argentina	1,500
(8) Woman's Training School, Rosario, Argentina	750
4. Mrs. W. C. James Memorial Training School, Bucharest, Rumania	4,000

Mrs. W. J. Cox Fund for W.M.U. Work on Foreign Fields			16,000
(1) China	\$3,000	(7) Italy	\$ 500
(2) Japan	2,000	(8) Mexico	500
(3) Africa	2,300	(9) Palestine-Syria	2,000
(4) Argentina-Uruguay	1,200	(10) Rumania	
(5) Brazil	2,500	(11) Hungary	1,000
(6) Chile	1,000	(12) Juko-Slavia	
6. Whidden-Graves Memorial Mo Kwong Endowment Fund, Canton, China			2,000
7. Shiu Hing Bible School, China			500
8. Two Bible Schools, Shiu Chow, China			1,600
9. Evangelistic and Woman's Work, Waichow, China			500
10. Shih Yu Bible Institute, Kaifeng, China (Annie Jenkins Sallee School)			500
11. Dormitory for Cantonese School, Shanghai, China			2,500
12. Kindergarten Work, Tsining, China			200
13. Kindergarten Work, South China			1,000
14. Kindergarten Work in Japan			1,000
15. Girls' School, Abeokuta, Africa			2,000
16. Running Expenses of Lunch (Africa)			800
17. First Baptist Church (Old North Gate), Shanghai, China			5,000
18. Mexican Baptist Publishing House			3,000
19. Stout Memorial Hospital			1,000
20. Traveling Expenses, Secretary of Brazilian Home Mission Board			600
21. Publication and Literature			1,450
Africa	\$350	Chile	\$350
Argentina-Uruguay	350	China	400
22. Rio, Brazil, Current Expenses (College \$1,500; Seminary \$1,000)			2,500
23. Recife, Brazil, Current Expenses (College \$1,000; Seminary \$1,500)			2,500
24. Bahia Church Building, Brazil			4,000
25. First Baptist Church, Montevideo, Uruguay			3,000
26. Haifa, Palestine			5,000
27. Building Fund, Manchuria			5,000
28. Beirut, Missionary Home and Chapel			3,000
29. Mendoza, Good Will Center			1,000
30. Publishing Work, Buenos Aires, Argentina			1,000
31. Combined Debt on Institutions at Rio and Recife			1,000
Total Goal			\$200,000

NAMES and STATIONS of 125 S.B.C. MISSIONARIES

Whose Salaries for Calendar Year of 1939

Are to Be Supplied by 1938 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

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Miss Blanche Bradley	Pingtu, China
Mrs. M. C. Brittain	Soochow, China
Mrs. N. A. Bryan	Hwang-Hsien, China
Mrs. George Carver	Shanghai, China
Miss Addie Cox	Kaifeng, China
Mrs. C. L. Culpepper	Hwang-Hsien, China
Miss Flora Dodson	Canton, China
Rev. and Mrs. Wilson Fielder	Chengchow, China
Miss Ruth Ford	Kweilin, China
Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Gillespie	Kaifeng, China
Mrs. W. B. Glass	Hwang-Hsien, China
Miss Elizabeth Hale	Shanghai, China
Miss Floy Hawkins	Waichow, China
Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Hayes	Canton, China
Miss Viola Humphreys	Kaifeng, China
Miss Lillie Mac Hundley	Shanghai, China
Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Jacob	Pingtu, China
Dr. Mary L. King	Pochow, China
Miss Florence Lide	Hwang-Hsien, China
Miss Helen McCullough	Shanghai, China
Rev. and Mrs. C. G. McDaniel	Soochow, China
Mrs. H. H. McMillan	Soochow, China
Miss Rose Marlowe	Shanghai, China
Dr. and Mrs. R. E. L. Mewshaw	Yangchow, China
Miss Katie Murray	Chengchow, China
Mrs. Earl Parker	Pingtu, China
Miss Aunis Pender	Shiu Hing, China
Dr. Ethel M. Pierce	Yangchow, China
Rev. Rex Ray	Wuchow, China
Miss Olive Riddell	Kweiteh, China
Miss Hannah Fair Salce	Shanghai, China
Miss Leonora Scarlett	Kongmoon, China
Miss Margie Shumate	Shiu Hing, China
Mrs. D. F. Stamps	Yangchow, China
Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Tipton	Shanghai, China
Miss Lila Watson	Shanghai, China
Miss Grace Wells	Chinkiang, China
Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Westbrook	Shanghai, China
Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Wiley	Shanghai, China
Mrs. J. T. Williams	Shanghai, China
Dr. and Mrs. Everett Gill	Bucharest, Rumania
Dr. and Mrs. W. Dewey Moore	Rome, Italy

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TRAINING SCHOOL



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

NEWS ITEMS



The Training School began its thirty-second year of work on Tuesday, September 20, with bright prospects for a good year. The opening service was held in the Heck Memorial Chapel with Dr. Kyle M. Yates leading the devotional service. All members of the faculty and staff were present, bringing words of greeting to the students and giving announcements and explanations regarding their respective departments.

Both faculty and students were particularly delighted with two changes that had been made in the building during the summer: a new class room has been provided on the west wing, first floor, by removing partitions in three small rooms. This plan released the old class room on the front of the building for the reference library, which for several years has been housed in three small rooms on the second floor. Thus two good ends were accomplished in moving the class room to the quiet side of the building and the library to the first floor to more convenient and accessible quarters.

In that connection it is a joy to announce that the School has secured the services of a full-time librarian, Miss Georgie Fancher of Mississippi. Heretofore the library has been cared for entirely by student help which in the nature of the case could not be satisfactory. Miss Fancher began her work September first and has already accomplished much in organizing and arranging the resources of the library so that they are readily available. She has had fine training and experience in library work. She is also a graduate of this institution, which further guarantees sympathetic and intelligent guidance to our students in their use of the library.

Miss Wanda Lynch of Illinois began her work as Good Will Center director September 1st. She is splendidly equipped by nature and training for this all-important work. After completing her course of study here, she was employed for two years as case worker in the Public Welfare Department of Illinois. Recently she has been serving as Good Will Center director with the W.M.U. of Illinois. In this capacity she established and supervised Good Will Center work among foreign-speaking people, training volunteers to lead in the group work.

Miss Claudia Edwards, formerly the Good Will Center director, continues her work as music teacher and takes over the supervision of the field work of students. Miss Frances Curb, who has ably assisted in the Good Will Center since graduating, has begun work as Good Will Center director in Tampa, Florida.

Miss Anna Murchison of South Carolina took over the duties of office secretary September 12th. In connection with this work she will also teach the classes in typing and shorthand. She majored in commercial science at Winthrop College and was employed in clerical and stenographic work for three years before entering the Training School as a student.

Seventy-eight students have enrolled in the boarding department of the School and thirty-nine day students to date (September 22), making the large total one hundred seventeen. Georgia leads the states this year in enrollment with ten students; Tennessee, nine; Kentucky, eight; Missouri and North Carolina, seven each; South Carolina, six; Florida and Virginia, five each; Alabama, four; Mississippi, three; Illinois, Oklahoma, Texas and West Virginia, two each; Arkansas, California and the District of Columbia, one each.

From Japan, Miss Kiyoko Shimozu returns to complete her work. From Brazil, Miss Waldemira Almeida enters for a year of special study in further preparation for Christian service in her own country. Misses Theresa Anderson of China and Sue Terry of Brazil, Margaret Fund students, complete the list.—Carrie U. Littlejohn



MARGARET FUND



Chairman: Mrs. H. M. Rhodes, Tennessee

ELIZABETH LOWNDES SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

THE Margaret Fund, in addition to its regular scholarships granted annually to sons and daughters of regular missionaries of both the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, gives another scholarship—a memorial in honor of its beloved former treasurer, Mrs. W. C. Lowndes, who served in this capacity for forty years. The college senior, who has done the highest work scholastically and who also has been outstanding in leadership, personality and character the three preceding college years, is presented with this additional scholarship of \$200.

It is, therefore, with great pleasure that we announce the name of Martha Jane Moore, now attending Hardin-Simmons University at Abilene, Texas.



MARTHA JANE MOORE

Martha Jane is finishing college in three years with a very outstanding record, scholastically. She has been very active also in campus activities, having been elected to an honorary society of the school, the Cowgirls—this being an outstanding honor. She is a leader in the university's B.S.U. work, also in Sunday school activities.

Martha Jane was born in Louisville, Kentucky, before her parents went to China where they served for eighteen years. Her father, James Walton Moore, is from North Carolina and served in Chefoo, China, in both educational and evangelistic work, being head of the Girls' and Boys' School there and also as evangelist and director of the Chefoo field. Her mother, Minnie Foster Moore, was born in Eastland, Texas, and attended Texas State University and Simmons University. She and Mr. Moore were married in 1917 and went to Louisville for study. Mr. Moore to the S.B.C. Seminary and Mrs. Moore to the Woman's Missionary Union Training School. They were appointed in 1920, Mrs. Moore working with her husband in the schools and through the country districts, doing evangelistic work.

Martha says: "I was born in Louisville, Kentucky, July 30, 1918, while mother and father were attending the Seminary there. I celebrated my second birthday aboard the 'Empress of Japan' en route to China. With the exception of this and our former furlough the rest of my life has been spent there. Outside of my home contacts, the greatest influences in my life have been those that came to me through the China Inland Mission School. The early study of the Bible in the home and school, the 'Children's Seaside Service' (Concluded on Page 31)

Calendar of Prayer November, 1938

Prepared by Miss Mattie Morgan, Tennessee

LET me unceasing, earnest prayer
Be, too, for light—for strength to bear
Our portion of the weight of care
That crushes into dumb despair
One-half the human race.

—Longfellow

Topic—China: "Shraves... with Rejoicing"

1—TUESDAY

Pray that the Chinese Christians may be faithful witnesses during these testing times.
I will walk among you and will be your God, and ye shall be My people.
—Lev. 26:12

2—WEDNESDAY

For Miss Anna R. Hartwell, evangelistic work, Hwanghsien, China.
For which cause we faint not.
—II Cor. 4:16

3—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Gallimore (Glady's Stephens), also for Misses Ruth Pettigrew and Floy Hawkins, evangelistic work, Wai-chow, China.
The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him.—Psa. 145:18

4—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Nichols (Frances Hodger), educational work, Hwanghsien, China, also for Mrs. Peyton Stephens, emigrant missionary from China.
For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand.—Isa. 41:13

5—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. McDaniel (Vannie Bartlett), evangelistic and educational work, also for Miss Sophie Lanneau, educational work, Soochow, China.
It is God that girdeth me with strength and maketh my way perfect.—Psa. 118:32

6—SUNDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Abernathy (Jewell Leonard), evangelistic work and Bible training, Tsinan, China; also for Dr. and Mrs. P. S. Evans (Mary Leeper), emigrant missionaries from China.
The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by Him.—Deut. 33:12

7—MONDAY

For annual sessions of W.M.U. of Texas at Dallas, Nov. 7, 8.
Let us consider one another, to provoke unto love and good works.—Heb. 10:24

8—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Glim (Jessie Pettigrew), evangelistic and educational work, Hwanghsien, China; also for Bryan and Gertrude Glim, Margaret Food students.
In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.—Prov. 3:6

9—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Harris (Florence Powell), evangelistic work, Kaiheng, China; also for Hendon Harris, Margaret Food student.
Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you.—Jas. 4:8

10—THURSDAY

For Miss F. Catharine Bryan, evangelistic and educational work, Shanghai, China.
My presence shall go with thee.
—Ex. 33:14

11—FRIDAY

Pray that His Kingdom may come and His will be done in the hearts of men.
Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace.—Rom. 14:19

12—SATURDAY

For Misses Betty Cavanaugh and Con Power, educational work, Acadia Academy, La.
Feed the flock of God which is among you.
—I Peter 5:2

13—SUNDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Gillespie (Pauline Pittard) and for Rev. and Mrs. Lawton (Muriel Ramsey), evangelistic and educational work, Kaiheng, China.
They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.—Isa. 40:31

Calendar of Prayer for November

14—MONDAY

For annual sessions of W.M.U. of Oklahoma at Shawnee, Nov. 14, 15
For ye serve the Lord Christ.—Col. 3:24

15—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Terry (Lulie Sporkman), educational work, Victoria, Brazil; also for Sue Elizabeth Terry, Margaret Fund student

Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee.—Psa. 84:5

16—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Hill (Louise Heirich), evangelistic work, Canton, China; and for Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Lawton, emeritus missionaries from China

If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him.—II Tim. 2:12

17—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Marriott (Core Burns)—on furlough—evangelistic work, Chinkiang, China; and for Core Mae Marriott, Margaret Fund student

The Lord God, even my God, will be with thee.—I Chron. 28:20

18—FRIDAY

For the Chinese students in America
That in all things He might have the pre-eminence.—Col. 1:18

19—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. A. Y. Napier, emeritus missionaries from China
Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart.—Psa. 31:24

20—SUNDAY

For safety and for the sustaining grace of God for all missionaries to China
Far be it from me that I should sin against Jehovah in ceasing to pray for you.—I Sam. 12:23

21—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Taylor (Caroline Smith); also for Mrs. S. L. Ginsburg and Mrs. A. B. Langston, emeritus missionaries from Brazil
Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love.—Jer. 31:3

22—TUESDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. Vance (Frances Hudson), Yangchow, China; and for Dr. and Mrs. Mewshaw (Dell Spencer), Kweilin, China; medical and evangelistic work
Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.—Gal. 6:2

23—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Christie (Anna Cloud), evangelistic work, Campon, Brazil; also for James Christie, Margaret Fund student
Abide in me, and I to you.—Jno. 15:4

24—THURSDAY

On this Thanksgiving Day, praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Giving thanks always for all things unto God.—Eph. 5:20

25—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Ware (Mary Long), evangelistic and educational work, Shanghai, China
Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you.—I Peter 5:7

26—SATURDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. Whittinghill (Sue Taylor), emeritus missionaries from Italy
The Lord shall give thee understanding in all things.—II Tim. 2:7

27—SUNDAY

For Miss Mary Crawford, evangelistic and educational work, Tainan, China; also for Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Lowe, emeritus missionaries from China
He will keep the feet of His saints.—I Sam. 2:9

28—MONDAY

For an outpouring of God's spirit during the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions
Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest.—Matt. 9:38

29—TUESDAY

For Rev. Valdez, missionary to the Mexicans, Pearall, Texas; also for Rev. and Mrs. Becerra Jr., missionaries to the Mexicans, Welasco, Texas
To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts.—Psa. 145:12

30—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Baasum (Eugene Major), also for Rev. and Mrs. Herring (Nora Tremmell), evangelistic and educational work, Kweilin, China
Trust . . . in Him . . . He will bring it to pass.—Psa. 37:5

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BIBLE STUDY

Ellis Brandon 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.

The SIN of NOT PRAYING

Psa. 99; I Sam. 12:19-23

THIS stately psalm mentions Samuel as one mighty in prayer; it stresses reverence and righteousness, two things he learned as a child. Now Samuel is old, and Israel has sinned in asking a king, "when Jehovah your God was your king", says the old prophet, displeased for God's sake and perhaps for his own. He prays and is told to "hearken unto their voice, . . . but show them the manner of the king that shall reign over them". Samuel's indictment of the people is terrific, and his warning about the king scarcely less so. But he has come to see that judge or king is all one if they fear God and keep His commandments. "Pray for us" they cry, and he replies solemnly, "God forbid that I should sin against God in ceasing to pray for you".

God's blessings are all undeserved; many are sent unasked; but there are others held in His outstretched hand waiting only for our beseeching—such as forgiveness or sometimes courage. It is a solemn thought that blessings to others too may be waiting for us to ask Him to send them, even as some in the heathen world—or maybe our next-door neighbors—will never hear the Gospel unless we give it to them.

At an associational women's meeting some one was called on to lead in a special prayer for the missionaries on our Calendar of Prayer for that day. She did not get beyond the association and quite forgot the missionaries. The sweet presiding officer at the next interval led in prayer herself and said presently: "And again our hearts go out towards . . . and . . . to ask Thy blessing on them. Lord, wilt Thou give them some special joy today, some fruit of their work, some personal happiness, some inward peace and strength, as Thou knowest their needs". Miss Hartwell when in Kentucky many years ago said: "How do you pray for missionaries? Do you just say, 'Lord, give them many souls for their hire'? Remember our temptations and difficulties in a heathen environment. We get discouraged. Our faith is sorely tried. Pray for us as you pray for yourselves!"

Come closer home. Do we ever "cease to pray" for our pastor, our church, our fellow-workers, our Sunday school classes? Have you never found—when your heart is heavy and will not rise in prayer for yourself or your loved ones, but bumps along like an airplane on rough ground—that to forget yourself and pray for this next circle releases some control, gets you off the ground, and away you can fly to real communion with God? There is a reason: when we pray for His Kingdom, we meet His Spirit.

And our own, do we never neglect them? I saw lately a lovely thing, a family calendar of prayer. Six children, widely scattered, all married but one (that makes eleven), the grandchildren, the parents—each given one day in the month for special united prayer, and Sundays all round the circle. "For what are men better than sheep or goats, if knowing God they lift not hands of prayer, both for themselves and those who call them friend?"



FAMILY ALTAR



Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

TOPIC—CHINA: "Sheaves . . . with Rejoicing"

"We ourselves are God's own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown
Unto joy or sorrow grown;

First the blade, and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest! grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be!"

"I Will Exalt Him"

1st Day—Ex. 15:1, 2
2nd Day—Psa. 9:1, 7-11
3rd Day—Psa. 116:1-19
4th Day—Psa. 117:1, 2 (Memory)
5th Day—Psa. 118:1-6, 14-19, 24
6th Day—Psa. 138:1-8
7th Day—Psa. 115:1

"Stand Fast"

15th Day—I Thess. 1:1-10
16th Day—I Thess. 3:1-11
17th Day—I Thess. 5:11-26
18th Day—II Thess. 1:1-12
19th Day—II Thess. 2:1-12
20th Day—II Thess. 2:13-17; 3:1, 2, 13, 14, 16
21st Day—I Cor. 16:13

"Give God the Praise"

8th Day—John 4:46-54
9th Day—John 5:1-9
10th Day—John 6:1-14
11th Day—John 6:15-27
12th Day—John 6:28-34
13th Day—John 6:62-71
14th Day—John 9:1-7, 24-33

"Revive Us Again"

22nd Day—Psa. 85:6-13
23rd Day—Hab. 2:3
24th Day—Deut. 6:24, 25; 11:1
25th Day—Matt. 9:13
26th Day—Zech. 1:3
27th Day—Mark 6:12
28th Day—Acts 20:21
29th Day—Rom. 14:11, 12
30th Day—Num. 6:24-26



"Pray Ye"

"With thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God".

Thank God for Jesus Christ, for our country, for food and clothing.

Intercede for the president of the United States and others in authority that they may seek and follow God's leading.

Pray for the Red Cross and Anti-Tuberculosis League in their annual drive for funds to pursue their Christlike services.

Pray for (1) Every Member Canvass; (2) Cooperative Program; (3) Baptist Hundred Thousand Club; (4) missionaries at home and abroad; (5) for war-torn countries, praying especially for Christian nationals.

Plead for increasing W.M.U. usefulness through prayer, enlistment, personal service, study, stewardship, missionary education of the young people.

Intercede for unusually faithful preparation by each W.M.U. organization for the December Week of Prayer; that the book, "For This Cause", may be carefully studied before December; that the week's offering will far exceed the goal of \$200,000. (See pages 1, 4, 6-3, 10-12.)

Pray for victory in every goal for this Golden Jubilee Year. (See page 6)



BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES



Miss Inabelle Coleman, Virginia

SUGGESTIONS

China Calls by Dr. Roberta Ma of Canton gives a graphic picture of present China. Twenty cents of the twenty-five that this little book costs goes to China Relief. (Order from Miss Mary M. Hunter, Box 1595, Richmond, Va.)

Chinese Curios and pieces of art of manifold designs and prices are on sale in the Missionary Education Department of the Foreign Mission Board. (Secure price list, or general order for \$5 collection, from Foreign Mission Board, Box 1595, Richmond, Va.)

China Series of mission study books are the newest foreign mission books. These include: for adults—*His Golden Cycle*, Bryan, 50c; *Up from Zero*, Pruitt, 50c; for young people—*China through a College Window*, Sewell, 50c with *How to Study*, Carver, 10c; and three books for intermediates, juniors and primaries. There are also three new plays (10c) presenting missions in China. Every B.W.C. will want to study China for a week as well as to use these books to enrich this program. (Order books from Baptist Book Store serving your state.)

TOPIC: CHINA: "Sheaves . . . with Rejoicing"

Chinese Music: Victrola Records — *China's Youth Hymn*: "Living for Jesus"

China's Scripture in Sorrow—II Cor. 4:8-10 (See also page 17.)

Intercession for China Hymn: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

"China Fifty Years Ago": (Page 22) — "China Today": (Page 23)

"The War and Missions in China": (Page 24)

Prayers for Missionaries and National Christians in China Today

"The Cooperative Program at Work in China": (Page 26)

Silent Prayer Hymn: "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

"China Tomorrow": (Page 28)

Current Events about China: (See page 35, also *The Commission* and newspapers.)

"Our Chinese Neighbors": (Page 29) — "A Golden Sheaf of China: (Page 21)

Hymn for the Year — *Chain of Prayers for China*

China Relief—As this page goes to press the Foreign Mission Board's records show \$90,000 special gifts to the tragic and emergent needs in China today. The government says that there are 70,000,000 homeless, hungry refugees facing a cold, bitter winter. From this B.W.C. hour may grow plans for a church-wide or city-wide Christian call for China's relief. The Foreign Mission Board cables to China the relief money received, and every penny of it is used in the name of Christ.

Who will redeem this gold wedding ring from a refugee camp in China? Multitudes of homeless refugees crowded the camp. Many of these were clean, cultured people accustomed to comforts and crushed with the thought of accepting gratis food. One little Christian woman spoke softly to the missionary: "All we have is lost. But here's my ring; perhaps you can get something for it. My husband and I want to help bear the burden of this camp and pay our own way as long as we can." From her own small salary the missionary gave this Christian refugee \$15 for the bit of gold bearing two names in Chinese inscribed inside. These two Christian Chinese were happier because they could pay for their bowls of millet and for bowls for others too. Three weeks later, and these refugees had moved thrice during that time, the missionary saw the little woman again. This time she was a widow. Her husband was another victim of war. Alone she was continuing to do all she could to help the missionaries with their mammoth task. The missionary has recently come home on furlough. She brought the ring with her. Who will redeem this tiny band of gold that another \$15 may go to China Relief?



PROGRAM PLANS



Mrs. T. M. Pittman, North Carolina

With the PROGRAM COMMITTEE



Woman's Missionary Union has been studying China for fifty years. The earliest literature that the older women can recall is that relating to China. This early literature told much of the differences between the Chinese and other nations. Their customs were mostly the reverse of ours and, consequently, seemed backwards to us. Their dress, their food, their educational system, their home life and their manners all seemed queer to people of the western world, and these differences and oddities were the things stressed. Of course their religions were written of, but in a less understanding way than at the present. The object of later literature has been to stress the likeness of all peoples and to consider the differences in customs as superficial.

So when we come to study China, in this our Fiftieth Anniversary Year, we do not need to teach the young people the things studied fifty years ago. But it might be well for the women to review some of those things. We may call this "The Long View". It may be given as an introductory talk, using "China Fifty Years Ago" (page 22).

The second part of the program may be called "The Near View". Use "China Today" and "The War and Missions in China" and "The Cooperative Program at Work in China". These three are so vitally connected that it would save the danger of overlapping to have one person make the talk. If you have no one in your society who can shorten the material, giving only the most important statements, you may wish to try some

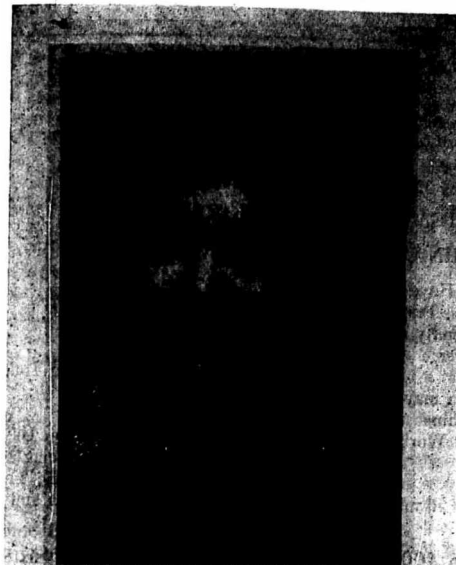
other method. This might be to select items of news from these three parts of the program material and give them out to the women to be told. The great trouble with the second suggestion is that so few women will speak distinctly enough for all to hear them. The program committee should take these things into consideration when deciding on the form of the program. (Pages 23-28)

The third talk may be called "The View Beyond". It should be based on "China Tomorrow" and "Our Chinese Neighbors". It is true that much of the view beyond is veiled in obscurity but the hopeful signs of the spread of our mission work may be interpreted in the light of history. Persecution and hardships have ever seemed to deepen and strengthen Christian character. (Pages 28-30)

This thought should bring the program back to the Bible study used in the opening. "The Sin of Not Praying" ought to impress all hearts with its solemn warning. When Japan first invaded China, the horror of it sent Christians the world over to their knees for China. But the months of warfare have made us familiar with distressing conditions. Contradictory statements in the papers have caused most to feel that none of us could really know what was transpiring. Our prayers have grown less frequent and less fervid. In the light of this Bible study let us all realize anew this sin of omission when we fail to pray for those so sorely in need. (Page 17)

This program also should lead up to plans for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, though many societies will be even more forehanded than this. With rebuilding as well as expansion of work in China, surely every one will desire to make an even larger offering than last year. (Pages 1, 4, 6-8, 10-12)

A GOLDEN SHEAF of CHINA



Some years ago a new baby came into a Chinese family. The neighbors, hearing that the child was a girl, said: "We will call her Tam-too", which meant "Pity, too many girls in this family!" You see, this was the seventh baby girl to come to this one household, and in the ordinary Chinese family so many girls were never wanted. But this was not an ordinary family, for the father and mother of this home were Christians—the father being a Baptist preacher, the pastor of "Happy News Baptist Church". This baby had been born in an upstairs room of the church building. When the gentle Christian father heard of the name which the neighbors had given to his baby girl he said: "She shall not be called Tam-too, for she is another blessing from God to us. She was

born in the house of Happy News Church, so we will call her Happy News!" So "Happy News" she was called, and the name has proved to be a most appropriate one, for her whole life has been closely associated with the happy news of Jesus' love.

This little girl grew up in her sweet Christian home and early learned to love Jesus. She says of herself: "I don't have any idea of heathenism, for the Lord has kept me separate for His own service from the very beginning". Being a frail child she was not sent to school at an early age but learned her first lessons from her mother in the home. When she grew older and stronger she attended the Eliza Yates Girls' School there in Shanghai, graduating in 1917.

She joined the church when twelve years old and began teaching a Sunday school class when thirteen. She says that she really felt the call of the Lord to dedicate herself on the altar of service when sixteen years of age but that she found it hard to surrender because she loved the world, money, beauty and fame; she wanted to be a millionaire more than anything else! While she was trying to decide what to do the answer seemed to come in the love of a young Baptist preacher. She married him before she was twenty years of age and found a place of service in his church as pastor's wife.

The years of her married life were hard ones, for three of her six children died and then her husband was stricken with tuberculosis and passed away, leaving her

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PROGRAM for NOVEMBER



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

Prepared by Mrs. C. D. Creasman, Tennessee

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

TOPIC for MONTH: CHINA: "Sheaves . . . with Rejoicing"

Hymn—What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Bible Study—The Sin of Not Praying—Psa. 99; 1 Sam. 12:19-23 (Page 17)

Prayer that we may not be guilty of the sin of failing to pray

Hymn—Sweet Hour of Prayer

China Fifty Years Ago

—China Today

Prayer that the war in China may come to a speedy end

The War and Missions in China

The Cooperative Program at Work in China

—Hymn—O Zion Haste

China Tomorrow

—Our Chinese Neighbors

A Golden Sheaf of China

—Hymn for the Year

Prayer that God may lead in all missionary work among Chinese in America and in China

CHINA FIFTY YEARS AGO

FIFTY years ago China, more than any other foreign mission land, engaged the attention and interest of the newly organized W. M. U. This was as it should be, for China was the oldest, the largest and the neediest of southern Baptist mission fields. Certainly China was the oldest mission field, for she had been the first to be entered by the Southern Baptist Convention after its organization in 1845. And even ten years before that two southern Baptist missionaries—Rev. and Mrs. J. Lewis Shuck—had gone to China, so the work in China was already over fifty years old, older than our work in all foreign lands except six. Matthew T. Yates had died early in the year of the organization of the W.M.U. after forty-two years of service. Dr. and Mrs. T. P. Crawford had already had thirty-seven years of service in China. Dr. Graves, Dr. Hartwell and Dr. Simmons had already been long on their fields. Miss Lottie Moon was in the height

of her missionary career with sixteen years of work to her credit. Some missionaries still living today—the Pruitts, Dr. Bryan and Mrs. Graves—were already on the field.

China was southern Baptists' largest mission field because then as now she was in point of population the largest of earth's nations. There were in 1888 at least three hundred million people living in China.

And she was southern Baptists' neediest mission field because practically all of these three hundred million people were still without Christ. She was the largest of the world's heathen nations, the souls of her people shackled by centuries of idol worship. She had a trinity of devils—ignorance, poverty and superstition—all born of her false religions and all working their evil magic in the lives of her people. When our W.M.U. mothers spoke of the needs of China they told of women with bound feet and sin-bound souls, of little girl babies thrown into the rivers because

they were not wanted, of men sleeping their lives away in opium dens. They spoke of China as an empire still under the despotic rule of the Manchus. They told of how China had remained unchanged for centuries of time, of how little she knew of the outside world, of how she was an ancient nation in a modern day, knowing and caring little about modern civilization. They called her the Sleeping Giant and asked, "When will this giant nation awaken and what will happen when she does?"

As we have said, fifty years ago southern Baptists had already had missionaries in China for many years and yet, when our W.M.U. was organized, there were only seventeen southern Baptist missionaries in China. That seems a small group, and yet it was the largest number southern Baptists had in any country at that time. These early missionaries worked under unspeakable difficulties. They were "foreign devils" to the Chinese, objects of curiosity and fear. They had to bear the ridicule and derision of the people whom they desired to win. They had to live in homes that afforded no comfort. They had to eat food unpalatable to their western appetites. They had to make long journeys in most uncomfortable ways. They had to look daily upon scenes of poverty, degradation, superstition and heathenism which were enough to break their hearts with pity and compassion.

But already by 1888 great progress had been made. Three Missions had been established—the South China Mission in 1845, the Central China Mission in 1847 and the North China Mission in 1860. Splendid foundations for work had been laid in all of these. Schools had been established, some medical work had been started and there was already a notable band of Chinese Christians in the churches of the three mission stations. The missionaries had realized the importance of developing native leadership and already leaders of outstanding ability had been discovered and trained.

So as our W.M.U. mothers studied

about China they found much to distress them, much to encourage them and much to challenge them. They spoke of China as a "Sleeping Giant" but little did they dream that within half a century the giant would awaken, offering to southern Baptists still greater opportunities and a still greater challenge.

CHINA TODAY

CHINA today is the most talked of, the most pitied and perhaps the most admired nation in the world. We cannot speak of China without prefixing the adjective "poor"; and yet almost at once we add the other adjectives, "brave", "patient", "wonderful". When we think of the aggression of the Japanese on Chinese soil, of the terrible destruction of Chinese property, of the enormous loss of Chinese life, we find ourselves saying in tones of unutterable pity: "Poor, afflicted, mistreated China!" But when we see how she is deporting herself during this conflict, how she is combining her forces to hold back one of the greatest military powers in the world, how her people on every hand are proving themselves to be patriots of the highest type we find ourselves saying: "Brave China!" "Great China!" "Wonderful China!"

China today is still the largest nation in the world, with a population of about four hundred and fifty million. Not quite one million of these people are Christians; the rest are as heathen as the Chinese that our missionary mothers studied about fifty years ago. However, conditions for reaching them and winning them to Christ are much more favorable now than then. China is now a republic, and her people have more freedom than was dreamed of fifty years ago. They no longer shut themselves in, satisfied with customs and civilization centuries old, but are reaching out to find the best things that modern civilization has to offer. A Chinese Baptist woman, Dr. Roberta Ma, has written a most interesting little book—"China Calls"—in which she discusses conditions in China today. She says: "China is now a democratic country—a country

where the citizens may do what they desire, may believe any form of religion they wish and may read any books they choose". Discussing the improved condition of women she says: "Women may learn whatever they desire. Women may express what they have on their minds. Women may practice whatever profession they wish. The Republic of China has opened ways for her people, men and women, to have religious freedom, political equality and democratic education". All of these things increase the challenge of China as a missionary land.

The war with Japan, terrible as it is, is bringing some blessings to China. First, it is uniting the Chinese people as nothing has ever done before. One great hindrance to China's development has been her lack of unity. Her people have been loyal to family and clan, but they have had very little sense of loyalty to the nation. This conflict is bringing them together in a singleness of purpose. They have abandoned their individualism and are becoming nationally minded.

Growing out of this unity of purpose has come a spirit of unselfishness and sacrifice. Each individual is forgetting selfish interests, thinking only of the welfare of the whole country. Again quoting Dr. Ma: "The Chinese people used to love money and life; but now they give their all to the nation without hesitation and dare to die and to sacrifice".

Another benefit of the war, as pointed out by Dr. Ma, is the fact that the development hitherto known only in the cities on the coast is moving into the interior: "A new China is being built up far inland. A widespread activity in development is going on . . . many merchants walked to the interior; thousands of factories were moved to the rear; peasants have awakened to national consciousness and have helped to build miles and miles of highway since the war broke out".

So as we think of China today we can rejoice that while her present war-torn plight is pitiable indeed, yet from

the travail of this conflict a new and greater China is being born. Perhaps this is the last shake that shall fully arouse the "Sleeping Giant". Perhaps this terrible experience will be used of God to help the largest of all earth's nations to fulfill her divine purpose among the nations of the world.

The WAR and MISSIONS in CHINA

DURING these months of war in China, as we have pored over our newspapers and listened to the news reports on the radio, eager for the latest items from this war-stricken land, the questions uppermost in our minds have been: "How about our Baptist mission work? Are our missionaries safe? How will this affect the future of our work?"

Surely our hearts have ached as we have learned of missionary property destroyed. From the July issue of *The Commission* we learn that property losses to our Foreign Mission Board have run to about \$175,000, while the losses to missionaries in household goods and personal effects will be at least \$28,000. "The total loss to our Board and its missionaries is apt to be a quarter of a million dollars before this terrible war is over".

But even more serious than the loss of property has been the danger to the lives of our missionaries. Sometimes they have lived for days with bombs falling around them. Sometimes they have been compelled to flee from their stations to places of safety, their homes left desolate, their work temporarily discontinued. All of this has grieved our hearts and made us anxious for the safety of our representatives in the war-stricken zones of China.

The greatest calamity of the war to the Baptist cause was the assassination of the great Chinese leader, Herman Chan-En Liu, president of Shanghai University. While on his way from his home in the International Settlement to the place where the work of the university is being carried on since the Japanese invasion of the university buildings, Dr. Liu was shot in the back and died before reaching the hospital.

Dr. Maddy, in comparing our financial losses with his death says: "These are nothing—as compared with the loss of this great Chinese leader and Christian statesman. He was the outstanding Chinese Baptist leader, and we are sorely stricken and bereft by his untimely death".

All of these things make a dark picture for our work in China, but there are some gleams of light across the darkness. Without question the war is aiding the cause of missions in many ways and preparing the way for a greater work in the future.

One gleam of encouragement is the Christian character of China's great leaders, Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek. Because of his position as leader of the Chinese army, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is a great hero to the Chinese people and his example means much to them. The fact that he is a Christian and one who demonstrates Christian unselfishness as well as wise military tactics in his leadership of China's army is sure to have a great influence for Christ among the Chinese. Madame Chiang Kai-shek is among the greatest women in the world today. The fact that she is an out-and-out Christian, that she won her husband to Christ and that she takes every opportunity to express her Christian faith and her dependence upon God through these trying days is sure to make a favorable impression for Christianity among the Chinese who look to her for leadership.

In the second place, the conduct of the missionaries during these stressful times is proving a blessing to the missionary cause. Many of our missionaries have remained at their stations even in the face of great danger. The missionaries who have been compelled to leave their work have found opportunities of service in their places of refuge, and often even before the danger was over they have made their way back to their mission stations to resume their work. They have never let their personal safety stand in the way of their loyalty to the Chinese Christians. Recently Madame Chiang Kai-shek, in address-

ing a group of 150 foreign missionaries, said: "The Generalissimo wishes me to tell you that he deeply appreciates the fine work which you have been doing to help our people. Please take this as a personal tribute to your courage and self-sacrificing spirit, to your valor and determination to help our people regardless of the dangers to your own persons and lives. . . . The fact that you not only risked your lives in succoring the wounded but also helped the destitute and saved many of our women and girls from a fate worse than death and gave hope and support to all the refugees has moved the whole Chinese nation to a sense of appreciation of the true Christian spirit which animated you in your actions".

This leads us to another blessing of the war to the cause of missions—the work of missionaries and native Christians among the refugees. Practically all of our Baptist missionaries, whether they have remained in their stations or have been compelled to become refugees themselves, have seized every opportunity to do welfare work among the poor Chinese who have been driven from their homes and have thereby been able to reach many with the Gospel. Recent letters from our missionaries tell thrilling stories of work among refugees.

Mrs. Stamps tells of the work of her husband and Miss Demarest at two Baptist Compounds in Yangchow: "Inside our two compounds were more than 700 Chinese refugees. Mr. Stamps would walk miles about the city, leading frightened women into our place of safety. Terrible things were committed. From the beginning, Mr. Stamps and Miss Demarest realized that the people refugeeing there must have something to think about, besides the terrible situation outside our walls, so they began Bible classes daily. Our large living room was turned into a chapel, the benches from our church were put up in there and two services a day held there. Also in the large study hall in the Girls' School services were held. The refugee camps were turned into a kind of Bible school. It is thought that as many as

three hundred of those refugees have accepted Christ".

Miss Addie Cox writes as follows of work among the Chinese soldiers: "During our street meetings a number of soldiers have heard and accepted our invitation to attend Sunday worship. One bright youth did not wait until Sunday. When he heard we would give him John's Gospel which would tell him more about the Savior he came immediately. After reading it he returned for other Scripture portions. It was not long before he confessed Jesus as his personal Savior and, upon leaving for the battle front, carried a Bible with him. Please pray that he may witness for Christ and win his comrades to the Master. Two officers, who heard for the first time yesterday, were so impressed that they came this morning for further inquiry. They stayed till twelve o'clock reading Bible passages and learning of Him who is 'the way, the truth and the life'".

The joy of our missionaries in serving the Chinese during the stressful days is expressed in the following quotations: "These are blessed days of fellowship with the Chinese, eating and living as they live and caring for their physical and spiritual needs". (H. H. McMullan) "As some of the women and I went to the hospital this afternoon to tell the Gospel to refugees and local people wounded by bombs we realized what a privilege is ours to be here at this time". (Katie Murray)

Another aid to the cause of missions is the conduct of the Chinese Christians. To those desiring to know how the Chinese Christians are enduring the fiery trials of these distressing days a missionary writes: "Splendidly! Like Christians the world over they stand out above their fellows. The Chinese followers of the 'Man of Nazareth' are exhibiting a courage and patience worthy of the days of the martyrs. I have seen Christians whose countenances were sad, but not a single hopeless one". These Chinese Christians, as they refugee from place to place, carry Jesus with them. So in the interior regions where the Gos-

pel has not been preached they are telling the glad news of salvation.

One of our missionaries, after discussing the terrible experiences through which the Chinese people are passing, says: "From somewhere they must gather strength and courage for rebuilding homes and remaking lives. In the lives of the missionaries and the Christian Chinese many of them have had opportunity to witness the revitalizing effects of Christianity. It is the peak of missionary opportunity, and the situation calls for all that is highest and best in us. We plan to stand by to the last. What the end will be only our Master knows, but was it not He Himself who bade us: 'Be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world'?"

The COOPERATIVE PROGRAM at WORK in CHINA

MORE of the part of the Cooperative Program dollar allotted to foreign missions goes to China than to any other country, for there is our largest group of missionaries and our largest work. We have in China 210 missionaries and 570 native workers. In the 232 churches are 43,381 members. Of course the war has hampered our work, but our missionaries have done everything possible to keep it going. "There has been the general consensus of opinion that, however serious the situation may be, it is no time to give up. The very fact that missionaries have stayed by, even if not in actual residence upon their respective stations, has kept the work from serious obstructions, and the Chinese co-workers and friends have deeply appreciated this".

Educational Work and Workers— We have in China 154 schools ranging in grade from kindergartens to theological seminaries. In spite of war conditions much of our educational work went on through last year. The fact that many of the Chinese government schools are closed has brought to Christian schools a greater day of opportunity, so all are carrying on their work whenever it is possible. Many of the schools have been compelled to move—faculty,

students and all. Of course this has greatly inconvenienced both pupils and teachers, but the work has gone on just the same. Early in the war the Japanese soldiers took possession of the University of Shanghai buildings, but the school was transferred to other quarters and the enrollment last year went far beyond what was expected. The Cantonese school building at Shanghai has been absolutely destroyed, but the school was conducted last year in a rented building in the International Settlement. We read of the Graves Theological Seminary in Canton that they had a good year last year with 58 enrolled. The North China Baptist Seminary at Hwanghsien also had an uninterrupted year with an enrollment of 106. The students of this school engage in many religious activities, maintaining regular services in 22 places. Women students are active in village evangelism, visitations in the homes and Sunday school teaching. The missionaries of Manchuria are rejoicing because they are to have a Bible School in that section. This is greatly needed because students desiring Bible training have been compelled to go to the North China Seminary 700 miles away.

Medical Work and Workers— Southern Baptists have 8 hospitals in China and 22 of our missionaries there are doctors and nurses. Of course the war has interrupted medical work, hospital buildings have been destroyed and missionaries driven from their posts of duty, and yet it has also brought many opportunities for medical service. Of the Chengchow (interior China) hospital we read: "Since the beginning of the war we have been receiving here wounded soldiers and sick and wounded refugees. The numbers of our patients are limited only by our capacity". Dr. Mary King, though not well herself, has daily busied herself caring for the sick and suffering at Pochow (interior China). She writes: "We have treated more than 1519 recorded patients. So far all our patients have been civilians. Later on if wounded soldiers come here

we shall give them what help we can". The Oxner-Alexander Memorial Hospital at Pingtu (north China) has had an uninterrupted year in spite of the passing armies. The missionaries have stayed by their work and have ministered spiritually and physically to an unusually large number of patients. Lepers have come to this hospital in greater numbers than formally and relief has been given to some. The Warren Memorial Hospital at Hwanghsien (north China) reports that 6427 people have been treated in its dispensaries. Of these 121 were won to Christ. The Stout Memorial Hospital at Wuchow (south China) reports an increase in all departments and activities of about one hundred per cent over 1936; almost 2000 patients were treated and 388 won to Christ. Dr. Beddoe of Wuchow writes: "On the whole, 1937 has been one of the finest and most fruitful years in the entire history of the hospital. The Sino-Japanese conflict has not yet affected our work adversely. On the contrary, it has widened our contacts, because vast numbers of refugees from other parts of China have passed through and many of them have been contacted by our workers".

Evangelistic Work and Workers— All of our missionaries have ever before them the fact that the real purpose of their work is to win souls. As we read the reports of last year we see that there have been many evangelistic efforts in all parts of China. Splendid evangelistic work was done by the students of the Pooi In Woman's Bible Training School at Canton: "In addition to the regular field work of the girls each week, special evangelistic trips were made throughout the spring term about once each month to a large market town out some distance from Canton. In this region the Gospel had never been preached and the response brought enthusiasm and encouragement to the hearts of seed-sowers".

Miss Mollie McMinn, who went to China in the year following the organization of our W.M.U., still delights in country evangelistic work in south

China. Last year she and a Bible woman made several successful trips into the country. On one of these trips the hospital sent a nurse to dispense medicine and assist in general medical work. Miss McMinn says of this trip: "During our two weeks' stay there were about 600 treatments. Not only these but other hundreds came to the chapel and heard something of the Gospel of Christ as we did personal work day and night".

At Pingtu (north China) prison evangelism has been a fruitful field of labor. A missionary says of this work: "City officials invited us to visit the prison twice each week. As a result more than sixty men and fifteen women are rejoicing in Christ. In answer to prayer some have been delivered from prison, others from death and these have gone forth to tell others of the wonderful Savior".

Miss Addie Cox, who spent much of the year in country evangelism around Kaifeng (interior China) writes: "Souls are being saved and our Lord is winning victories in and through His servants. There have been more than one hundred baptisms during the year. Dr. H. M. Harris baptized more than sixty at one time, and about forty were baptized by one of the newly ordained pastors. Others who have been accepted for baptism are awaiting an opportunity. Among those who walked thirty-six li (about 12 miles) to be buried with Christ in baptism was a dear old lady past seventy. In order to reach the church on time she started the day before the baptizing".

At Tsinan (north China) "the evangelistic band with a tent has specialized in holding meetings where the Gospel had not been preached. Many new places have been opened and groups of saved people left to carry on".

Many more stories could be told of successful work in evangelism, but these are enough to convince us that even in this sad time for China the glories of the Lord are being manifested. Buildings may be destroyed, equipment may be stolen, but if the people learn of Jesus and His love they have a possession

which cannot be taken from them by any invading army. Let us increase the number of our Cooperative Program dollars that more Chinese people may have this most precious and indestructible possession.

CHINA TOMORROW

NOBODY would attempt to describe what is coming to China tomorrow—for nobody knows. However, we can share in the belief of our missionaries that there is a better day ahead for this great nation. We can believe that when the war is over a united China will face the future with renewed hope, determined to make her contribution to the world's welfare and development. And surely she will realize that the best thing for her strength, progress and happiness is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

To southern Baptists the China of tomorrow will bring increased opportunities and responsibilities. We are already in our second century of work there. Surely our opportunities are far greater than were those of the Shucks. They were unwelcomed and despised; our missionaries of today are welcomed, honored and loved. They worked in an absolute monarchy where freedom was unknown; our missionaries work in a democracy granting freedom to all. They had practically no native Christians to help them; we have a host of faithful Chinese Christians eager to do their part in the evangelizing of China. They had no literature; we have the accumulation of a century of Christian writing. They had no schools or hospitals; today there are splendid institutions for teaching and healing scattered throughout the land. All of these things promise well for the future and bid us hasten to give more money and send more missionaries that China may become a Christian land.

In this Golden Jubilee Year we remember that our W.M.U. grew partly from the vision of a mother of a missionary in China. Mrs. Ann Graves—bearing that her son, Dr. Graves, was employing Chinese Bible women to reach the women of China—caught a

vision of the women of the southland helping the women of China; therefore she organized a prayer group known as "Woman's Mission to Women". This challenging thought of Christian women, reaching across the water to win heathen women to Christ, became one of the factors which led to the organization of our Woman's Missionary Union. Today as we behold what has been done in China through missionary women, through loyal Chinese women workers and through the work of the women of our W.M.U., we see the glorious realization of Mrs. Graves' vision of woman's mission to women. Then as we look toward China's tomorrow we catch a new vision of what can be done if only southern Baptist women will set themselves to the task of giving the Chinese women a chance to know Jesus, the woman's friend and Savior.

China's leading woman has started what is known as the "New Life Movement" in China. This is based on the revival of four old Chinese virtues, namely: courtesy, service, honesty and self-respect. It is the purpose of the movement to inspire the people to establish these four virtues in their daily habits and so lead to a new life for the Chinese nation. It is a glorious movement, born in the Christian heart of Mrs. Chiang Kai-shek, and is already having great influence among the Chinese people. Dr. Roberta Ma says: "This New Life Movement is one step toward the truth which shall make us free. Even as the New Life Movement is based upon the four old virtues, it is also in accordance with the teachings of Christ and it is for the preparation and further development of our spiritual life. No man can live abundantly without Christ. I believe that the New Life Movement will lead our people to a newness of life both physically and spiritually in order that the Chinese people may be prepared to accept as their personal Savior Jesus Christ and His New Life". It is our blessed privilege to aid in this New Life Movement by send-

ing to the Chinese the Gospel of Jesus Christ that in Him they might have life and might have it more abundantly. And this new life in Christ Jesus will produce a new China for tomorrow.

OUR CHINESE NEIGHBORS

MANY of us have Chinese neighbors—those in our own town, perhaps in our own community. The Chinese in America may be divided into two classes: the students who are here only for the period of their education, and those who have taken up a permanent residence in our land. All of them consider the United States a Christian nation and are judging Christianity by what they see here. Alas, all too often they see the side of American life, which is by no means Christian, and get a wrong conception of Christianity. Some of them who live for a period of time in America can return to China without having any idea of real Christianity.

A story is told of a cultured Christian Chinese mother who after studying conditions in America today—night clubs, dance halls, immoral movies, drinking parties, wild college life etc.—decided that she could never risk sending her children to college in this so-called Christian land. What a travesty on the Christianity of America! Surely it is as important to keep America Christian as it is to make China Christian. We can greatly aid the work of our missionaries in China by living the Christian life before the Chinese in America.

Our Home Mission Board has two Chinese Missions: one in San Antonio, Texas, where Miss Ollie Lewellyn has given her life to the Chinese of that city; and the other in the delta region of Mississippi and Arkansas where Dr. Shau Yan Lee is the faithful missionary. "Dr. Lee has all but worked miracles in leading the Chinese people to build a school and dormitory for Chinese children in the brief period he has been in this largest Chinese colony in the South".

These missionaries can do much for

the Chinese in these centers of Chinese population, but they cannot reach the many Chinese scattered throughout the southland. In every community where there is a single Chinese family the Christians should be on the alert to tell them about Jesus. The story is told of a Chinese grocer who lived for twenty years in a certain city before anybody invited him to a church service. Christians traded with him and were in and out of his store every day, but not a one of them spoke to him about his soul. Thus, while sending missionaries to Chinese in China, they lost the opportunity of being missionaries to their Chinese neighbor.

Some years ago an American Christian

gentleman found a little Chinese boy at a fishing wharf. He took the boy home with him, gave him loving care and sent him to school with the result that he became a Christian. He afterwards returned to China carrying his Christianity with him, became an influential man and the father of Madame Chiang Kai-shek. So China is under Christian leadership today because one American Christian was a missionary to a Chinese boy in America. Who can measure the influence of one soul won to Christ? We in America can transform China by living for Christ in the presence of our Chinese neighbors. The more Christian America becomes the easier it will be to make China Christian. (See page 21.)

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Compare conditions in China fifty years ago with conditions today.
2. How long have American Baptists had missionaries in China?
3. Give the dates of the founding of our first three Missions in China.
4. Tell something of the difficulties of early missionary work in China.
5. Tell something of the achievements of missionary work in China before 1888.
6. Discuss some benefits of the present war to China.
7. How is the war helping missionary work in China?
8. Tell something of our educational work in China.
9. Tell something of our medical work in China.
10. Tell something of our evangelistic work in China.
11. How many missionaries have we in China today?
12. Discuss the outlook for missionary work in China in the future.
13. What missionary work is being done by southern Baptists for Chinese in America?
14. What can we do to help Christianize our Chinese neighbors?

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PREPARING for WEEK of PRAYER (Concluded from Page 12)

Miss Dorothy Carver	Kokura, Japan
Mrs. C. K. Dozier	Fukuoka, Japan
Rev. and Mrs. Edwin B. Dozier	Fukuoka, Japan
Dr. W. Maxfield Garrett	Fukuoka, Japan
Rev. and Mrs. J. Franklin Ray	Hiroshima, Japan
Miss Elsie Clor	Jerusalem, Palestine
Mrs. H. Leo Eddleman	Tel Aviv, Palestine

CIRCLE PLANS (Concluded from Page 7)

map. Solo: "Seal Me, O Holy Spirit". A series of prayers by individuals may close with the prayer on pages 46-47.

Chapter Three—"According to the Riches of His Glory". The incidents under *This Four-Dimension Love in Action* call for reference to map of the world. The stories may be told briefly by different women. As each country is discussed, place a Christian flag on the section mentioned. (Small flags on pins may be secured from State Baptist Bookstore.) A woman in Chinese costume might "broadcast" Madame Chiang Kai-Shek's radio message. For recent "Encouragement of Divine Action", see November 1938 issue of *The Commission*: "Lottie Moon in South America", "Dr. Maddy in Africa", "Baptism of Wounded Chinese Soldiers".

Chapter Four—"The Love of Christ Which Passeth Knowledge". The doxology sounds the keynote for this session. Following the incidents recorded under "Privations" and "Persecution", the hymn "O Jesus I Have Promised" sung as a solo will be effective. The hymn "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" may be sung softly as a part of the beautiful closing prayer.

Chapter Five—"Above All That We Ask or Think". Praise, grateful and fervent, should be predominant throughout this session. The interesting incidents may be interspersed with stanzas of hymns of praise, the session being climaxed by a period of earnest prayer of consecration.

MARGARET FUND (Concluded from Page 14)

Mission meetings and the lives of Christian parents and teachers have had a very definite influence on my life. I was converted and joined the church at Seminary Hill, Texas, during our former furlough.

When notified that she had won the Elizabeth Lowndes Scholarship she very enthusiastically and gratefully replied:

"I very deeply appreciate this honor. I was at Ridgecrest in 1937 when the scholarship was awarded to Archibald McMillan, but I had no idea that I would be fortunate enough to receive it this year. I certainly desire to live worthily of this honor and to use the money wisely. I have been hurrying through my college education so that I could then teach and give enough to go to the Training School. I am now in hopes that this Elizabeth Lowndes

Scholarship will enable me to skip my teaching and go directly to the Training School from Hardin-Simmons".

The Margaret Fund student with next standing scholastically, as well as in campus activities, is Franklin Fowler at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee. Franklin has done splendid work and is president of his school's "Baptist Student Union". Julia Connely, attending William Jewell College in Missouri, has also had a splendid record.

We are delighted to announce these students as outstanding. Woman's Missionary Union wishes them the greatest joy in their further college work as they prepare themselves to serve their Master in a larger way.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

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

CHRISTMAS for CHRIST

Our young people will be greatly blessed in their personal spiritual development and the Kingdom of God will be advanced when counselors and leaders assist them in making "Christmas for Christ" a reality. Too long we have let Christmas represent our time to get, rather than our time to give for His sake. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering brings positive objectives to lift us out of our innate selfishness, overcoming our lethargy by the urge of specific needs for supplying which the Foreign Mission Board looks to this offering gathered in by members of Woman's Missionary Union. (Pages 1, 4, 6-8, 10-12)

Every leader and counselor should familiarize herself with the list of objectives, studying to know specifically the work for the Lord which each money gift assigned can perform. It will not be at all amiss for W.M.U. young people's director to meet with counselors, talk over the objectives included in the \$200,000 goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering of 1938 and by conversation and discussion draw—from the background of study and program knowledge, to the front of their thinking—stories and incidents which portray the immediacy of these needs. November and December numbers of *The Window of Y.W.A.* and *World Comrades* always have stories and facts bearing on the offering objectives. The leaders can retell these to the young members at the time of the distribution of the envelopes, making them see that gifts toward this goal are truly gifts in love to Christ Jesus.

Programs for each organization are distributed through the state W.M.U. headquarters. When these are in hand let your program, devotional and stewardship committees study over them and make local supplementary plans, adapting them to the organization in point. Sunbeams and juniors will naturally be dependent mainly on their respective counselor's planning but even these younger children will want to help prepare for the observance of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Help the organizations to make these intercessory prayer meetings, not simply extra programs. Information is set forth as a call to prayer; therefore pray. Better a shorter prayer time together than a long formal program without the earnest praying. Help the members to know how to save money; help those, who do not have it to save, to see ways to earn it and have it to give.

You may decide to use some other container than the envelopes but be sure each member has either envelope, bag or box—something specifically for accumulating his or her Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in. When distributing these, do so with audible prayer that all will bring them back in the spirit of "Christmas for Christ". The younger children should have a letter of explanation to take home with the offering envelope, especially if the mother is not a W.M.S. member and will not know at all what the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering means. Adopt a definite goal for the gifts from your organization, making it at least a 10% increase over 1937 gifts. If you were not organized then, take a goal of interest to the organization through its definiteness of amount. For example take a specified part of one of the kindergarten funds, or support one of the missionaries for so many days at \$2.25 a day. Be sure the members really know what their offering will do and where it will go. Hazy in this, perplexity in the work their gift will do, is not fair or necessary; it can be patiently explained even to the smallest Sunbeam.

Encourage mothers of Sunbeam Babies to have boxes for their wee ones and to give for them this Golden Jubilee Year also. Begin for them the thought of "Christmas for Christ" and rear them in it as they grow.

Can you see how different today's world would be had we always kept "Christmas for Christ"? Then let us begin now without further delay, praying and giving, reentering Christmas, where it began, in Him.

COLLEGE Y.W.A.

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

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Nurses in training have only limited vacations, but college girls are counting off the days until the holidays begin. Shall we seek in Grace McBride and Ann Hasseltine Y.W.A. to make these stand out as holy days of new reality in devotion to Christ and His Kingdom? Woman's Missionary Union calls again to our wayward hearts, "Christmas for Christ". Follow this year the way of *Prayer, Promise, Power and Praise* in program and mission study book for the Foreign Mission Week of Prayer and arrive at larger appreciation of the marvel of Christ's coming. Counselors and committees will busy themselves long in advance of Nov. 28-Dec. 2, to make ready for the adequate observance of this period of praying and giving.

Miss Inabelle Coleman has written the mission study book which is to be used in preparation for the Week of Prayer. One copy is sent free to each Y.W.A. organization but many additional copies should be ordered at 25c apiece from State Baptist Book Store. No study of value can be done with one or two texts. Let every Y.W.A. have access to her own copy to read and draw from it into her very soul its earnest message. The title is "For This Cause".

The program outline is distributed through state W.M.U. headquarters. Let program and devotional committees plan that this be truly a prayer service. Some say, "We cannot sustain an hour of prayer". Why not? Back from our mission fields come stories of hours and hours of praying; simple-hearted native Christians, recently come out of darkness, petitioning in behalf of those who still wait, groping. Let the burden of today's world—its leanness, its futile wandering, its agony of strife—crowd into Y.W.A. hearts and they will be constrained to pray. That is the purpose of the program—not to be presented or put on but to strengthen faith that prayer will be answered, to recall prayer needs, to quicken hearts to the effectual fervent prayer which avails much.

At either college or hospital, a full week of prayer services can be arranged. Speak well in advance to the person in charge of chapel services, asking for each period during this Week of Prayer. If the Y.W.A. program and mission study book do not seem adequate matter, use the much more material arranged for Women's Missionary Societies by borrowing its program folder. If chapel cannot be secured (or in addition to it) there are noonday prayer meetings, morning watch moments, vesper services, any and all of which can and should be devoted to this Week of Prayer.

Previously distribute the offering envelopes with reading of Dr. Maddy's Appeal, with much concrete discussion of the use of the \$200,000 by the Foreign Mission Board as set forth in the list of objectives (pages 10-11), with prayer that each Y.W.A. will make this truly "Christmas for Christ", with definite personal commitment, pledging their best devotion expressed in their gifts. Set an adequate amount, a worthy gift to the King, as the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal of your Y.W.A. Nurses and college girls will say at first thought that they have but little or no money; yet, upon encouragement to deeper consideration, they will see how much they are planning to spend on gifts to earthly loved ones, they will see how much they spend day after day. Because Christmas is Christ's birthday the gifts should be for Him. Why go into an orgy of giving to others, when He longs to be recognized with our first and deepest devotion? Words are but empty expression when tangible gifts could be proof of that devotion. Surely Christ yearns that each and every need, included in this Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, be supplied. The Foreign Mission Board has other desperate needs ready to be answered by any Beyond-the-Goal Gifts, also! Let us go way beyond the \$200,000 goal. This Golden Jubilee Year we will give 10% increase in all our gifts. When do you think we will reach the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal? What will you, each of you, do to help? Your stewardship committee will pray to know Him and His gifts. This is not to be a casual gift, it is to be a gift of love and devotion to the Lord and His Kingdom. The Women's Missionary Union calls again to our wayward hearts, "Christmas for Christ". Follow this year the way of *Prayer, Promise, Power and Praise* in program and mission study book for the Foreign Mission Week of Prayer and arrive at larger appreciation of the marvel of Christ's coming.



THE Annual Roll Call of the American Red Cross commences on memorable Armistice Day and closes on our national Thanksgiving Day. "The Red Cross measures the degree of help given disaster sufferers by their need, not their losses!" Will not W.M.U. members let the Golden Rule be the measure of their helpfulness through the Red Cross? Join during the Annual Red Cross Roll Call, Nov. 11-24.

A GOLDEN SHEAF (Concluded from Page 21)

a widow while still young. Then God called again: this time in the voice of the Central China W.M.U., asking her to be its secretary. There was no reason why she should not accept this work, for an older sister wanted to care for her children; but she says that the call came ten times before she was willing to say: "Let the will of the Lord be done!" The struggle over, she accepted the position offered and thus became the "Miss Mallory" of the W.M.U. of Central China.

While holding this position the Shuck Centennial was celebrated in America and in China. Many of us remember lovely Mrs. Ling, who came from China to America to help us with our celebration in 1936. Mrs. Ling is "Happy News", the little girl with the beautiful name who has grown up to be one of China's most influential and useful Christian women.

When the All-China W.M.U. was organized in 1936 Mrs. Ling was chosen its president. So the "Miss Mallory" of the Central China W.M.U. has become the "Mrs. Armstrong" of the All-China W.M.U. And those of us who remember the charm of her personality, the keenness of her intellect and the consecration of her spirit will agree that she is admirably fitted to fill either place of service.

It is little "Happy News"—Mrs. Ling, the great leader of Chinese Baptist women—that we have chosen as our outstanding personality of the month. She is truly a "Golden Sheaf" of our missionary work in China. She herself says: "I am your product. My work in China is your work; my joy, your joy; my success, your success!"

If we had not sent the Gospel to China Mrs. Ling might have borne the ugly name, "Tam-too", and would probably have been hobbling around today on bound feet with a sin-bound soul. But because we sent missionaries to China she is "Happy News", her unbound spirit giving itself to the joyous task of sharing the happy news of Jesus' love with the whole world.



CURRENT MISSIONARY EVENTS

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

In an address before the Wushu monthly missionary prayer meeting in Hankow last spring, at which more than 150 missionaries were present, Madame Chiang Kai-shek among other things said: "You have asked me today to tell you how best you can help us in this national crisis. I can only say: continue your efforts in the same direction in which you have employed them in the past. From the most unexpected sources I have heard admiration of the work that you have done and are doing. One of the cabinet ministers, who is a non-Christian, remarked one day that he was studying the Bible. When asked if he was a Christian he replied: 'No, but I notice that the Christians throughout the country show a greater self-sacrificing spirit than others and therefore I feel that there must be something to Christianity'".

Significant is the fact that when our Home Board missionary, Shau Yan Lee, to the Chinese in the Mississippi Delta visited the towns of Merigold, Alligator, Clarksdale, Marks and Helena in August the Chinese closed their stores that they might attend the services held by this Christian missionary.

Certain bits of information contained in a letter from Mrs. J. E. Jackson, one of our missionaries located at Wushu but temporarily living in Shanghai, serve as illustrations of the confusion that prevails in the churches in China and of the faithfulness and the determination of both missionaries and Chinese church members to carry on in face of the most adverse circumstances. Mrs. Jackson tells us that when the Chinese pastor at Wushu with his family was persuaded to leave and take refuge in Shanghai, a place near by, he left behind him a number of members in the church.

ugees from the Wushu church together and held regular church services and that his wife led the women in their Missionary Society. . . . "Now," said Mrs. Jackson, "our church is meeting in two groups—one in a rented house back in Wushu, the other in our house in Shanghai" where many Wushu church members found refuge. . . . "We were able," she added, "to hold the meeting of the Wushu District Association here (in Shanghai). While all the churches could not be represented we had some news from all but one".

Hundreds of "war babies" are being born every night in refugee camps, in vacant lots and on sidewalks among the destitute and homeless war victims of Shanghai. Most of the babies have a brick pavement for their cradle and a piece of paper for their swaddling clothes. Each morning a pitiful procession of mothers bearing their new-born line up at improvised clinics and hospitals. They beg for smallpox inoculation, milk and American cod liver oil. If a crib or basket can be found in any of the baby shelters in the Settlement, the mite is taken in. But many must be refused for lack of room.—*Lutheran Herald in Western Recorder*

The Rockefeller Foundation has made a grant of \$35,000 for new buildings and modern equipment at the University Hospital of the "isolated" West China Union University. With this new equipment the hospital will have educational facilities for 150 medical students in normal times. In the present war emergency it has 325 medical students from all parts of China. This university is far from the war area and is a missionary institution in which American Methodists and Baptists (and others) have been instrumental in its establishment and growth.

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SUCH are the adjectives, prefaced by the coveted adverb "most", that were used by Dr. J. E. Dillard, S.B.C. director of promotion, in speaking of ROYAL SERVICE. Seventeen of the states last year exceeded their goals for renewals and new subscriptions to this W.M.U. monthly. The following figures show each state's record at the close of the eighth month of this current calendar year, their combined total being more than two-thirds of the year's goal of 88,500. Before this issue went to press late in September there had been received 3,328 more. All this is very encouraging, the expectation being that each state will exert exceptional effort this Golden Jubilee Year to exceed its goal as herewith shown.

State	Goal	Received	Yet to Be
Alabama	5700	4518	1182
Arizona	175	91	84
Arkansas	2175	1765	410
District of Columbia	200	147	53
Florida	3250	1840	1410
Georgia	8500	6662	1838
Illinois	1230	941	289
Kentucky	6100	4713	1387
Louisiana	3900	2860	1040
Maryland	575	328	247
Mississippi	5100	3819	1281
Missouri	5350	3506	1844
New Mexico	565	334	231
North Carolina	10230	7193	3037
Oklahoma	3940	2453	1487
South Carolina	6915	5312	1603
Tennessee	6260	4889	1371
Texas	9110	4552	4558
Virginia	9225	6998	2227
Totals	88,500	62,921	25,579



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