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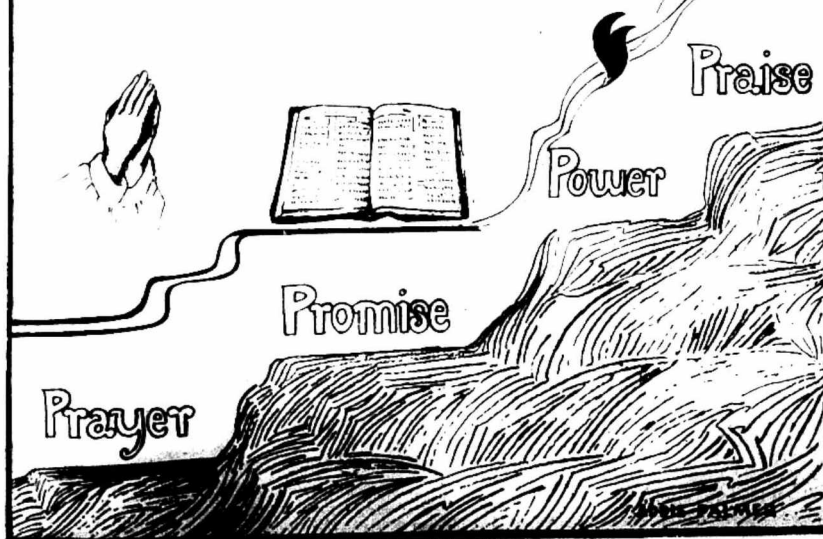
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GO YE THEREFORE

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EDITORIAL

Unto the LORD, GLORY

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



Our human loves seek to find expression in some tangible ministry to the person upon whom affection is centered. The deeper the love the more eager is the desire to thus lavish gifts or attention upon the loved object of our devotion. Expression is the law of love. The higher the love motive the more exalted is its expression. Seek to explain the life story of the apostle Paul, of Carey, of Livingstone, of the Judsons, the Shucks, of Lottie Moon and of countless others who have loved so supremely that they counted not their lives as dear unto themselves. Their lives exemplified the dominant motive of every triumphant Christian, "unto the Lord, glory!"

Love led noble women, in 1888, to brave criticism, to forsake the accepted restricted sphere of womanhood and to venture, for Christ and His Kingdom, in fields hitherto untrod by women. The Golden Jubilee of Woman's Missionary Union is the afterglow of that gleam they followed so steadfastly. The same high motive characterized the women of 1913 as they planned missionary advance and wider enlistment, as again in 1928 with its glowing anniversary incentive the slogan "For the Master's glory". Sure providential guidance seems always to surround the actions of our Union. Such we believe directed the choice of the watchword for 1938: "Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name; bring an offering and come into His courts". Thus the past is joined to the present and the present to the future in one unending expression of purpose to show our love by our works.

Woman's Missionary Union stands at the dawn of a new half century. A relatively few days remain to write the final records of the first fifty years. As the sight of the goal spurs the runner to new speed, so the rapidly approaching end of this Jubilee year moves each of us to do the extra things needful for a victorious consummation of the ideals and purposes for our societies and their auxiliaries. Each objective is set deep in the underlying missionary motive of our organization, each is vital to fulfillment of its missionary purpose. Magnify the opportunity that comes with the observance of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. Our troubled, sorely suffering world calls insistently for Christian participation in prayer. See to it that every woman member is given the privilege of sharing in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Take a prayer program and some offering envelopes to that unorganized neighboring church. Such a venture will quicken interest and may result in a new society.

In a tense moment in the 1888 meeting when timidity counseled delay, Miss Annie W. Armstrong spoke so convincingly that it was recorded: "Here it was moved to set aside the existing program for the rest of the day and go into the work of organization at once". For eighteen years she served as the Union's unsalaried corresponding secretary, working untiringly to shape its policies and carry forward its glorious work of supporting southern Baptist missions through enlistment, prayer and gifts. God spared her and inspired her to send to our

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OUR GOLDEN JUBILEE

Southwide Jubilee Chairman: Mrs. George McWilliams, Missouri

STEWARDS of a GREAT TRUTH



It is a safe comfortable land in which I who write this Golden Jubilee page and you who read it live. The world to which Frank and Mary Connelly and Juanita Byrd returned on the Empress of Russia such a short time ago is full of physical dangers. Even death lurks near. They have been given a great truth for the people of China. *They are faithful stewards.*

We can toss aside any article that we might desire that bears the stamp—"Made in Japan"—saying, "I shall buy nothing made in Japan"; but Mrs. Dozier went back on the Empress of Russia to minister to the people of Japan. She has a great truth for them entrusted to her. *She is a faithful steward.*

Europe is such a dangerous place to be just now. We are glad an ocean separates us from it. We fear the ocean may not be wide and deep enough to keep us in safety. Earl Hester Trutza has gone back to Bucharest and Dr. and Mrs. Gill stay on in Budapest. They have a great truth for war-mad Europe entrusted to them by the Prince of Peace. *They are good stewards of that truth.*

Yellow fever is such a dreadful disease, even beloved children of the Christians' Heavenly Father contract it and die. Susan Anderson and other members of the Baptist African missionary family stay on in Africa, each doing the work of three people. They have a message of life in Christ Jesus entrusted to them for the people of Africa. *They are good stewards of that message.*

The strife between the Jews and Arabs in Palestine must make living there rather dangerous. Lovely Sarah Fox Eddleman stays on in Nazareth, Elsie Clor in Jerusalem, the Roswell Owens in Haifa. They were entrusted with the Gospel of love to the Jews and the Arabs. *They are good stewards.*

It is one thing in the snug safety of our comfortable homes to talk of Christian courage and fidelity: it is quite another thing to face danger day after day and remain true, calm and strong in our faith. We who are custodians of the *home base* must be as faithful stewards as these who represent us in places of larger responsibility and danger.

This Christmas, when we feel reasonably secure while so many of our friends are under the strain of war and unusually heavy burdens, the usual normal ten per cent increase in our gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is much too small a goal with which we can be satisfied. The need is so great; the situation everywhere is so desperate. The Annie W. Armstrong Offering and the state mission season of prayer offering have been given; there is just this month in which to complete the special Golden Jubilee gift and the regular gifts to the Cooperative Program. Each W.M.U. member who reads these lines knows whether she has been or will be generous in her giving. This last chance comes to prove our loyalty to those friends out on the firing line, to prove our worthiness to carry on the dreams of Baptist women who organized and have carried on Woman's Missionary Union of which we are so justly proud because they believed that Jesus Christ had a work for Baptist women to do.

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MY ALABASTER BOX



W.M.S. PROGRAM for WEEK of PRAYER

NOTE: All page references refer to W.M.S. Folder of Week of Prayer

Program for MONDAY—November 28, 1938

SUBJECT—God's Greatness Revealed in Mexico, Chile, Argentina-Uruguay

SILENT MEDITATION on Week's Theme: "Great is our God.—Go ye, therefore!"
—II Chron. 2:5; Matt. 28:19

HYMN for YEAR: "Come Women, Wide Proclaim" (See page 48.)

DEVOTIONAL: "PRAYER" (See Bible Study on "Prayer", page 10.)

SEASON of PRAYER—Hymn: "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

TALK (by President) Explanation of Week's Plans, Theme, Goal, etc. (See pages 1-8, 11.)

READING of APPEAL from Foreign Mission Board (See "Appeal" on page 4.)

PRAYER for Dr. Maddy, Foreign Mission Board and Richmond Office

HYMN: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

TALK: Survey of S.B.C. Work in Mexico (See statistics on page 9.)

TALK: God Protects His Own (See article by that title on page 10.)

TALK: Two Worth-while Lives (See article by that title on page 11.)

PRAYER for Work and Workers in Mexico

HYMN: "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

TALK: Survey of S.B.C. Work in Chile (See statistics on page 9.)

TALK: Claudina de Villanueva (See article by that title on page 11.)

TALK: Chilean Missionaries—Weak but Strong (See article by that title on page 12.)

PRAYER for Work and Workers in Chile

HYMN: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

TALK: Survey of S.B.C. Work in Argentina-Uruguay (See statistics on page 9.)

TALK: Training Others to Go (See article by that title on page 11.)

TALK: A Great God Magnified through a Great Faith (See article by that title on page 11.)

TALK: "The Offering's Name" and "Miss Lottie Moon in Japan"
(See data on pages 14, 15.)

PRAYER for Work and Workers in Argentina-Uruguay, also for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

INGATHERING of Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

ANNOUNCEMENTS as to Week's Program

HYMN (as Benediction): "Jesus Calls Us"

Program for TUESDAY—November 29

SUBJECT—God's Greatness Revealed in Brazil and Nigeria

GOLDEN JUBILEE HYMN

SILENT MEDITATION on Week's Theme: "Great is our God.—Go ye, therefore!"

DEVOTIONAL: "Promise" (See Bible Study on "Promise", page 17.)

HYMN: "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

TALK: Survey of S.B.C. Work in Brazil (See statistics on page 16.)

TALK: "God Giveth the Increase" (See article by that title on page 18.)

TALK: Dr. Bagby's "Letter from Heaven" (See article by that title on page 18.)

PRAYER of Thanksgiving for Pioneer Work of Dr. and Mrs. Bagby

HYMN: "Close to Thee"

TALK: Giving the "Little Book" (See article by that title on page 19.)

PRAYER for Work and Workers in Brazil

TALK: Survey of S.B.C. Work in Nigeria (See statistics on page 16.)

TALK: Led to Open a Dispensary (See article by that title on page 20.)

HYMN: "Work, for the Night Is Coming"

TALK: A Nigerian Chief Is Won (See article by that title on page 21.)

PRAYER for Work and Workers in Nigeria

TALK: Sympathy for World Needs (See statistics on page 17.)

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

INGATHERING of Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

ANNOUNCEMENTS as to Week's Program

HYMN (as Benediction): "He Leadeth Me"

Program for WEDNESDAY—November 30

SUBJECT—God's Power Revealed in Europe and Palestine-Syria

SILENT MEDITATION on Week's Theme: "Great is our God.—Go ye, therefore!"

HYMN: "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?"

DEVOTIONAL: "Power" (See Bible Study on "Power", page 23.)

TALK: Survey of S.B.C. Work in Europe (See statistics on page 22.)

TALK: God Himself beside and before Me (See article by that title on page 21.)

TALK: Manolita (See article by that title on page 24.)

PRAYER for Work and Workers in Spain

HYMN: "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

TALK: W.M.U. Convention in Italy (See article by that title on page 21.)

TALK: Italian Christians Challenge Us (See article by that title on page 26.)

PRAYER of Thanksgiving for Pioneer Work of Dr. and Mrs. Whittinghill, also for Work and Workers in Italy

HYMN: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

TALK: A Servant (See article by that title on page 24.)

TALK: "Lepers Are Cleansed" (See article by that title on page 27.)

PRAYER for Work and Workers in Jugo-Slavia, Rumania, Hungary, Bessarabia

HYMN: "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem"

TALK: Survey of S.B.C. Work in Palestine-Syria (See statistics on page 22.)

TALK: The Light of the Glorious Gospel (See article by that title on page 27.)

TALK: The Sea Is Behind Back (See article by that title on page 28.)

PRAYER for Work and Workers in Palestine-Syria, also for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

INGATHERING of Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
ANNOUNCEMENTS as to Thursday's and Friday's Programs
HYMN (as Benediction): "Joy to the World"

Program for THURSDAY—December 1

SUBJECT—God's Power Revealed in China and Japan

SILENT MEDITATION on Week's Theme: "Great is our God.—Go ye, therefore!"
HYMN for YEAR: "Come Women, Wide Proclaim" (See page 48.)
DEVOTIONAL: "Praise" (See Bible Study on "Praise" on page 30.)
HYMN: "We Praise Thee, Oh God"
TALK: Survey of S.B.C. Work in China (See statistics on page 29.)
TALK: Human Barriers (See article by that title on page 30.)
TALK: "Behold Your God" (See article by that title on page 31.)
PRAYER for God's Guidance in Affairs of China
HYMN: "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"
TALK: Gold Changed into Lives (See article by that title on page 32.)
TALK: Our God Greater than All (See article by that title on page 33.)
PRAYER for Work and Workers in China and Manchuria
HYMN: "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"
TALK: Survey of S.B.C. Work in Japan (See statistics on page 29.)
TALK: God's Power Revealed in Japan (See article by that title on page 33.)
TALK: Prayer Is Petition, Thanksgiving (See article by that title on page 34.)
PRAYER for Work and Workers in Japan, Also for Observance of "Day of Prayer around the World" and for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
INGATHERING of Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
ANNOUNCEMENTS as to Friday's Program
HYMN (as Benediction): "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

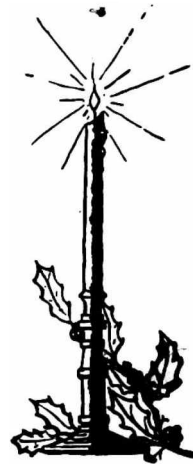
Program for FRIDAY—December 2

THE program for Friday, December 2, is on pages 36-48 of the Week's W.M.S. folder. Each W.M.S. is entitled to two free copies of the folder. If your W.M.S. has not received its two copies of folder, please write promptly to your state W.M.U. headquarters, address on page 2 of this magazine. The pages herewith used for the outline program of the first four days of the Week of Prayer are perforated, so that they may be easily detached for use in preparation for the week.



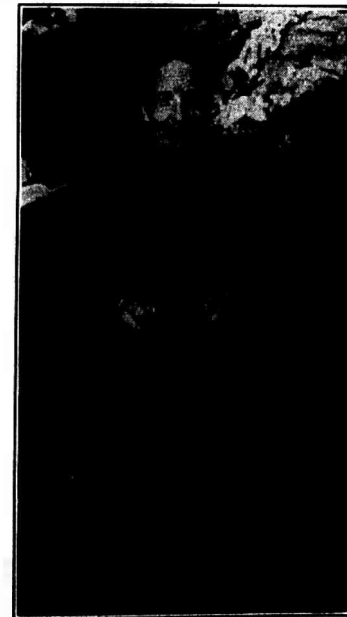
Light two candles, please: one, for the largest possible contribution from each W.M.U. organization in your church to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering; the other, for the most prompt and careful forwarding of the offering. Please see that every one who handles the offering marks it clearly: Lottie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

INGATHERING of OFFERING



We had last December the most worshipful service we ever have had, I believe, in all the years of our stressing of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The platform was all in white. Beneath a large lighted cross was a big silver tray, below which was an open Bible on a pedestal. Our president spoke a few most timely words concerning Christ, the light of the world. Then she lighted her long, white candle from a candelabra near the cross. Immediately our chorister began to sing softly and without accompaniment "Into My Heart", whereupon each circle leader came forward, placed her circle's gift on the tray, lighted her candle from the president's and joined in the song as she went back to her circle. Her members had small candles which they lighted from hers and from each other's, also singing as soon as they had a lighted candle. The young people's leaders did likewise. The silver tray overflowed with gifts—more than \$1,300. Oh, it was so worshipful!—Mrs. A. G. Sullivan of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.

This little Spanish woman, Senora Elvira Vila, is one of the most beautiful Christians I ever met; she is a very fervent missionary. With a sunny smile and a loving heart she goes forward, always looking out for someone to help materially and spiritually; her mouth is always full of praise to the Lord for His goodness. When mission work was started in a very, very Catholic town she went to live there with her family and was of great help in the work. Many are the persons who have come into contact with the Gospel through her.—Mrs. Nils Bengtson, Spain



CHRISTMAS in PEKING, 1937

"How can I bear to join the Peking Choral Society practices when they begin on Christmas carols next week?" I asked myself. "How can I keep my voice steady and my eyes from tears if I try to sing? How can I even want to sing those well-loved melodies *this year*?"

But I went. Instead of breaking down, I felt lifted up by the words of praise and adoration and the music of pure worship. How true the words we sang in 1937: "He came, He came to save!" How we need Him now! How it strengthens one to sing from the heart such words as these: "That little Babe in manger laid, He is the King of kings!"

Then came the last reminders about the program, the motor ride to the Broadcasting Studio in the Legation Quarter, the arranging of ourselves before the microphone, then the singing of one glorious carol after another to go out over the star-lit plains and mountains around Peking and over north China! A memorable experience to me it was, to have a little share in sending out the joy of our Savior's birth to unknown listeners.

It was the beautiful auditorium of Peking Union Medical College, that institution built in palatial Chinese splendor by Rockefeller's millions: but in that palace were servants of "the King of kings", Chinese ministers of His grace and love, presiding over the business details of caring for the poor and needy. To one of these kind-faced Chinese men I applied for the names and addresses of two families to whom I was to take toys and other gifts on Christmas Eve. I shrank from doing it: I feared that these educated families, now reduced to want, might feel it an intrusion by a total stranger. The young man dispelled my fears by his assurance that they would understand and would welcome me.

So off I went to buy toys. My sense of constraint vanished, and never did I have a jollier morning than that twenty-fourth of last December, buying games, toys, a doll and other things for the children on my list.

An Australian lady, a tourist, had also prepared for two families and suggested that we go together. And was it embarrassing to enter and offer gifts? If ever there was true and perfect courtesy shown by the acceptance of good intentions and "charity", that beautiful courtesy was shown to us by the mothers and children of all these four needy families of Peking.

One small room held the first family, but the boys took their gifts like little gentlemen indeed. In another the baby was asleep on the kang, where the older child was playing.

The baby woke and gave the visitors an adorable smile while the mother and the grandfather thanked us in ceremonious phrases and friendly tones.

Why did we not go on Christmas morning to these homes? Because in the morning we would not find these mothers at home: they would be going to one of the "Porridge Kitchens" to get their big bowls of millet—the one meal of the day provided by Salvation Army, Red Swastika or other charitable organizations. I had visited one of these places and seen the poor receive the bowls of steaming, golden millet. Now I saw four of the homes from which they come. If ever a giver was best more than the recipient, I was, in these Christmas efforts to give a little happiness to these respectable families now reduced to need. Their beautiful courtesy in responding filled my heart with added esteem for these people. Some of them knew what the day meant. Some had "just come from the church", they said, showing some little Christmas things they had received.

At the College of Chinese Studies the dozen southern Baptist missionaries—along with the Irish, English, Scotch and Danish fellow-students—were busy with preparations. Every one drew a name and secretly filled a long red stocking for the next morning. Mr. Furihashi, the most recent arrival at our hostel, also asked to draw a name and prepared to give his gifts, while one of the young missionaries drew his name and prepared a stocking for this visiting architect, a cultured Japanese gentleman and a great lover of music. After breakfast on Christmas morning there was great fun when gifts both ludicrous and attractive were pulled out of the many gay stockings.

Later we Baptists gathered in the rooms of a missionary family, where a dear little Christmas tree stood. We also had drawn one another's names, and so each one received a pretty present, after we had sung a verse and had a few words from Claribel Isdell and a prayer by Dr. Humphrey.

The day closed with a delightful Christmas dinner for all in our hostel. About fifty were seated at the long tables in the decorated room, alight with good cheer. The president of the student body called on Mr. Hatanaka, vice principal of Kobe College, to return thanks. From the first words of that Christmas grace—"Our Father", in a rich, reverent voice—one knew that a brother in Christ had come to share our Christmas feast. Thus, in fellowship with invited guests of two eastern nationalities, we of European and American homes celebrated the memorable Christmas in Peking, 1937.—Miss Sophie Lannear, China



BIBLE STUDY



Ella Broadus Robertson, Kentucky

The STAR of DAVID

Mark 12:28-34; Isa. 9:2, 6

THE six-pointed star, made from two crossed triangles, is an old Jewish symbol, widely used in architecture. (The Mosque in Richmond, Va., has them all around the proscenium arch.) Sometimes it is printed with the Name Jehovah in the center: the ones at the top of this page have the Hebrew for Christ. It is called the Star of David, or the Shield of David. Let us use it to emphasize SIX VERBS describing our relation to God and what follows from that relation.

1. "CURSE God and die", said Job's wife. The poor woman was hardly responsible. She had lost everything in one day, property and children. Her husband's patience irritated her, and she reproached him for still believing in the goodness of God. She was at least quite logical. If we are going to curse God, there is no point in living.

2. We are invited to do quite otherwise, in grief and in sin. Isaiah (45:22) gives a proclamation from God: "Look unto Me and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth". Here is warrant for our missionary message. "O God our salvation", cries the psalmist, "Thou that art the confidence of all the ends of the earth!"

3. This is just the beginning. How does one go on? The next is a very old-fashioned text, "FEAR God and keep His commandments". It is not the thing now to fear anything or anybody. But Jesus says, like the author of Ecclesiastes: "Fear God: He is the one to fear!" "Commandments" too is an old-fashioned word. Yet we live in a universe of law; and the stop-and-go signals at least remind us of human law. Obedience, springing from confidence, is happiness for children, and for God's children towards Him.

4. The next exhortation has a promise attached: "Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed". A story of Sherman's march illustrates it. A young mother, to whom this was a life motto, gave her children the last bit of food she had, put them to bed, then knelt and prayed for food for the morrow. A noise in the pantry roused her. The cat was jumping through the window, leaving on the floor a fat young rabbit. For nine nights she brought one, till help came from friends. This was Mrs. Edwards, the sister of J. B. Hartwell of China.

5. We come now to the beautiful summary of all duty which Jesus quoted to the scribe much to his pleasure: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy strength and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself" (Deut. 6:3; Lev. 19:18). Paul says, "Love is the fulfilling of the law"; but only Jesus Himself perfectly expressed all love in His life.

6. So far the O.T. has furnished our sources. But Paul, reaching Rome after shipwreck and delay, coming a prisoner to this city he had dreamed of, gives us a new and lovely combination. The brethren came out to meet him on the Appian Way, "whom when Paul saw, he $\tau\epsilon\alpha\lambda\epsilon\upsilon\sigma\alpha\iota$ God and took courage". Dr. Gill used this text for a Thanksgiving Day sermon, 35 years ago: "Gratitude for the past—courage for the future".

The Star of Bethlehem is in our thoughts again. It gives new beauty to the old human pattern, the Star of David.



FAMILY ALTAR



Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

TOPIC: ALL NATIONS—"Sheaves . . . with Rejoicing"

"To us a child of hope is born,
To us a Son is given;
Him shall the tribes of earth obey,
Him all the hosts of Heaven.

"His power, increasing, still shall spread;
His reign no end shall know;
Justice shall guard His throne above
And peace abound below".

"Thou Shalt Call His Name Jesus"

1st Day—Luke 1:1-14
2nd Day—Matt. 1:1-17
3rd Day—Luke 3:23-38
4th Day—John 1:1-14
5th Day—Luke 1:5-26
6th Day—Luke 1:26-38
7th Day—Luke 1:39-58

"On This Wise"

8th Day—Luke 1:57-80
9th Day—Matt. 1:18-25
10th Day—Luke 2:1-7
11th Day—Luke 2:8-20
12th Day—Luke 2:21-38
13th Day—Matt. 2:1-12
14th Day—Matt. 2:13-23

"The Child Grew"

15th Day—Luke 2:39, 40
16th Day—Luke 2:41-52
17th Day—Isa. 23:56
18th Day—John 4:23-26
19th Day—John 7:39-44
20th Day—John 8:23-30; 21:25
21st Day—I John 5:1-7

Why Did Christ Die?

22nd Day—I Cor. 15:3; 8:11; 5:7
23rd Day—Matt. 20:28; 26:28
24th Day—John 1:29; 6:51
25th Day—John 3:14-17
26th Day—John 16:13
27th Day—Rom. 14:9
28th Day—Phil. 2:8
29th Day—Isa. 53:12
30th Day—Heb. 12:2
31st Day—Rev. 1:5; 5:9, 10

"Pray Ye"

In ceaseless praise that "Jesus, the Savior, is come!"
In constant intercession that every heart will "let Him in"

In yearning appeal for all who do not yet know the Christian meaning of Christmas

In behalf of the poor, the sick, the sorrowing and that W.M.U. Christmas personal service may "present the Savior"

In intercession for the widest possible observance of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, Nov. 28-Dec. 2 inclusive

In Christian fellowship with Baptists observing the "Day of Prayer around the World" in the 16 S.B.C. foreign fields, Cuba and Panama

In importunate pleading that the \$200,000 goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering may be exceeded by at least \$100,000—a total of \$300,000

In the interest of W.M.U. organizations striving to attain A-1 records and to have every resident woman member of the church give something to missions.

In behalf of W.M.U. young people and women that they keep "Christmas for Christ" in tenderest sympathy for war-torn lands and that every nation may follow the precepts of the Prince of Peace

In intercession for the lost whom Christ "came to seek and to save"
In behalf of each Golden Jubilee goal



Calendar of Prayer

December, 1938

Prepared by Mrs. W. D. Pye, Arkansas

GRANT me this boon, O Lord,
From out Thy boundless store,
This gift, and this alone—
To love Thee more and more;
To love Thy sacred truth,
Thy will to make my own,
To give myself, then humbly pour
My gifts before Thy throne.

—Noah J. Parsons

Topic: All Nations; "Sheaves . . . with Rejoicing"

1—THURSDAY

Pray for Rev. and Mrs. Watson (*Ann's Mother*)—on furlough—educational work. Belle Horizonte, Brazil; also for Benjamin M. Watson, Margaret Ford student. In the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.—Isa. 26:4

2—FRIDAY

For a glorious completion of the Season of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the ingathering of the offering. When they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts.—Matt. 2:11

3—SATURDAY

For Miss Rattie Stallings, evangelistic work, Kwellin, China. The name of the Lord is a strong tower.—Prov. 18:10

4—SUNDAY

For Miss Bertha Hood, educational work, Sao Paulo, Brazil. I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not.—Isa. 41:13

5—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Larson (*Edith's Mother*) and Mrs. Stephens (*Irene's Mother*), evangelistic work, Talangao, China. Call unto Me and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things.—Jer. 33:3

6—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Landon (*Arlie's Mother*), missionaries to the dead, Fort Worth, Texas. Let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire.—Jas. 1:4

7—WEDNESDAY

For Miss Alma Graves, educational work, Fukuoka, Japan; also for Mrs. E. N. Walms (*Claudie McCann*), missionary from Japan. The just shall live by faith.—Rom. 1:17

8—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Pickup, missionaries to the Indians, Cherokee Association, Table-Quah, Oklahoma.

They go from strength to strength.—Ps. 84:7

9—FRIDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Hamlett (*Lottie Spink's Mother*)—on furlough—evangelistic work, Wush, China; also for Peter Hamlett, Margaret Ford student. Christ is all and in all.—Col. 3:11

10—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Enete (*Crystal Armstrong*)—on furlough—educational work, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

This is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God.—John 17:3

11—SUNDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. McGavock (*Katherine Johnson*), evangelistic work, Santiago, Chile.

Hereby we know that He abideth in us, by the Spirit which He hath given us.—I John 3:14

12—MONDAY

For Dr. and Mrs. Beddoe (*Lowella How-ten*), and Dr. Wallace, medical work, Wuchow, China.

My grace is sufficient for thee; for My strength is made perfect in weakness.—II Cor. 12:9

13—TUESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Saunders (*Mabel Egan*), educational and evangelistic work, and Rev. and Mrs. Thompson (*Pauline Prosser*), evangelistic work, Shiochow, China.

Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom.—Luke 12:32

Calendar of Prayer for December

14—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Moore (*Minnie Foster*)—on furlough—evangelistic work, Chefoo, China; also for Martha Jane Moore, Margaret Fund student.

We will remember the name of the Lord our God.—Psa. 10:7

15—THURSDAY

For Mrs. Lockett (*Edwin Lightfoot*)—on furlough—medical and evangelistic work, and Miss Isabella Moore, educational work Ogbomoso, Nigeria.

Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast.—Heb. 6:19

16—FRIDAY

For Mrs. Robert Logan (*Rebecca Adams*), emeritus missionary from Argentina.

Thou art my God. My times are in Thy hands.—Psa. 31:14, 15

17—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Woodward (*Mabel Williams*), evangelistic work, and Miss Jessie L. Green, educational work, Wuchow, China.

O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory.—Psa. 115:1

18—SUNDAY

For every effort made the world around to win souls today.

He that breatheth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life.—John 5:24

19—MONDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Fielder (*Maud Albritton*), evangelistic work, Chengchow, China; also for Wilson J. Fielder and Golda Jean Fielder, Margaret Fund students.

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits.—Psa. 68:19

20—TUESDAY

For Rev. W. D. T. MacDonald, emeritus missionary from Chile; also for Dr. D. W. Herring, emeritus missionary from China.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee.—Isa. 26:3

21—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Connelly (*Mary Sears*), evangelistic work, Tsingchow, China; also for Julia Helen and William Sears Connelly, Margaret Fund students.

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God.—Luke 12:31

22—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Oliver (*Edith Deter*), evangelistic work, Curitiba, Brazil.

Be still and know that I am God.—Psa. 46:10

23—FRIDAY

For Rev. Congdon, industrial and educational work, Iwo, Nigeria.

I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.—Hab. 3:18

24—SATURDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Lawton (*Dorothy Dodd*)—on furlough—educational and evangelistic work, Laichowfu; and for Dr. and Mrs. Humphrey (*Edith Felkel*), medical work, Chengchow, China.

Continue ye in My love.—John 15:9

25—SUNDAY

For "peace on earth, good will toward men"

Thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins.—Matt. 1:21

26—MONDAY

For David and Theresa Anderson, Margaret Fund students from China.

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above.—Col. 3:1

27—TUESDAY

For Miss Anne Lascier—on furlough—educational work, Temuco, Chile.

I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus.—Phil. 3:8

28—WEDNESDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Blackman (*Gladys Yates*)—on furlough—evangelistic work, Shanghai, China.

Let us run with patience the race that is set before us.—Heb. 12:1

29—THURSDAY

For Rev. and Mrs. Johnson (*Kate Cooper*), evangelistic work, Kumban, China.

God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts.—II Cor. 4:6

30—FRIDAY

For Miss Attie Bostick—on furlough—evangelistic work, Pochow, China; also for Mrs. E. F. Tatum, emeritus missionary from China.

I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness.—Isa. 41:10

31—SATURDAY

For the Mission Boards and their workers

I, I am with you always, even unto the end.—Matt. 28:20

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WHEN YOUR CIRCLE STUDIES "His Golden Cycle"

by Miss F. Catharine Bryan of Shanghai, profit by the excellent suggestions herewith set forth by Mrs. Taul B. White of North Carolina, a southwide W.M.U. representative. In thanking Mrs. White for these suggestions, we would join with her in also thanking Mrs. William McMurry, Tennessee W.M.U. mission study chairman, who prepared for the Foreign Mission Board the teacher's helps to use in presenting the book, "His Golden Cycle". The price of the book is 50c (paper binding) from State Baptist Bookstore. Hear now Mrs. White:

Mental and spiritual excursions to China (this fall and winter! We rejoice in the opportunity of the fellowship in study of this fascinating country and lovable people at this momentous hour in their history. What a feast of good books on China the Foreign Board has ready for us: "His Golden Cycle", "Darings in the Dawn", "China Speaks", "How to Study China through a College Window" etc.—and best of all what an opportunity for intercessory prayer for our home churches, our missionaries, the Chinese and the world.

"How the Kingdom Grows" might well be the sub title of the beautiful story of Dr. R. T. Bryan's golden cycle of service as Christ's ambassador to the Chinese as told by his devoted missionary daughter, Miss F. Catharine Bryan. A second sub-title might be:

"A Workman That Needeth Not to Be Ashamed". When missions are true to its essential nature, we see how the Spirit of God works. The spirit, the method and the results unfold, revealing God's purpose and God's method in His dealing with the races of the world. In this biography glimpses are had of the plan of the Great Architect of history. Fifty years of service by God's servant among one of the earth's greatest races at the most strategic period of world history are worth serious study as throwing light on God's historical processes. Likewise it is also the story of a charming, cultured and lovable personality as teacher, preacher, friend and father.

With these two guide post ideas—"How the Kingdom Grows" and "A Workman That Needeth Not to Be Ashamed"—the material of *His Golden Cycle* groups itself quite naturally in the following order:

Session I (Chapters 1 and 2)

The Workman Answers, "Here Am I!"

1—His background and environment helped to prepare God's man.

Session II (Chapter 3)

God's Workman Becomes "A Little Brother to Another Race": "Go Preach!"

1—Chinese background important to know and to appreciate.

Session III (Chapter 4)

Wherever the Workman Goes Schools Begin to Emerge

1—"Teaching them to observe all things I have commanded you". The problem of Christian teaching under nationalistic policies is interestingly met by our missionaries.

Session IV (Chapter 5)

The Workman Sees His Vision Materialize in Brick and Stone

1—Shanghai University (Cross fertilization of modern education and the oldest culture of the orient)

Session V (Chapters 6, 7, 8)

From Strength to Strength—The Workman's Reward

- 1—The institutional church
- 2—Translation of Christian literature
- 3—Growth and development of Chinese responsibility
- 4—Pioneering in rural missions
- 5—Radio preaching
- 6—All China and Japan missionary conference

Session VI (Chapters 6, 7, 8)

The House Built upon a Rock—The Workman's Promise

1—The Kingdom grows amidst the storms of nationalism, communism, revolution and Japanese aggression. ("New Wine in Old Bottles")

Session VII (Chapters 1, 8 and Appendix)

The Workman That Needeth Not to Be Ashamed

- 1—Characteristics of youth ("The child is father to the man.")
- 2—Tributes of friends, co-laborers, Chinese and Americans
- 3—Dr. Bryan's statement of the fifty years of momentous contrast and changes: "I have

been an interested spectator of many social and political and mission changes in China during the last five decades". (See page 247.)

- 4—Catharine Bryan sounds the keynote: "To have invested fifty years in one co-partnership is no small achievement; to have beheld through fifty years the change and development of a foreign country is a rare privilege; to have been allowed to work for fifty years to make that change point God-ward has been the Almighty's gracious favor upon His child, Robert Thomas Bryan"

The author states her purpose in which her readers join: "To quicken the interest of God's people in foreign missions, therein will be the richest reward for the heart of his missionary daughter".

SUGGESTIONS TO TEACHERS

Procure your free copy of Mrs. William McMurry's helps for "His Golden Cycle" by writing the Foreign Mission Board, P. O. Box 1595, Richmond, Va. With this will be sent free a China Packet, Pictures etc. From Mrs. McMurry's indispensable helps we give a few suggestions:

- 1—Creating Atmosphere—Use maps, charts, posters, curios, scrolls etc. Detailed instructions follow: how and what to make and when and where to use.
- 2—Material Needed Maps, flags, pictures, Chinese music (records), poems etc.; and where secured
- 3—Special Supplementary Magazine Articles—Consult own missionary magazines; also Geographic, Asia, Travel, Missionary Review of the World.
- 4—Supplementary Reference Books—Material relating to the country of China, its present crisis and missions there
- 5—Aims of Each Session (Suggestive only)
- 6—Varied Methods of Presentation—Outline, discussion, pictures, dialogue, lecture, question and answer, special assignments
- 7—Each Session Follows This Plan—1 Text material; 2 Aim; 3 Atmosphere; 4 Method of presentation; 5. The link.

This last point is the personal challenge to the individual conscience. It is timely and provocative of prayerful consideration.

OUR GOLDEN JUBILEE

(Concluded from Page 5)

There is such a little left of this glorious Golden Jubilee Year in which we can get other women and young people interested in these friends of ours around the world, in which we can prove to them the joys of the abundant living in Christ Jesus which we find through the program of Woman's Missionary Union. Surely we can never be satisfied with gaining just 61,207 women and young people, the number which represents our suggested ten per cent increase. Surely we shall be ashamed if our efforts fall below this minimum number.

There is so much to do, and the time is so short! These figures printed each year should always bring a new challenge for the support of S.B.C. foreign missionaries through our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering: 9 cents will keep a missionary an hour; \$2.20 will keep a missionary a day; \$15.40 a week; \$66.67 a month; \$800 will keep a missionary a year.

Never should we be satisfied to leave Elsie Clor in Jerusalem for just one hour; never should we consent to give Susan Anderson to Africa for just one day; never can Mrs. Gill do in just one week the things the Lord has put in her heart to do for the European girls; never would the Connelys leave China after but a month there; never could Mrs. Dozier tell the wonderful love of the Christ to the Japanese people in just one year. The figures should tug at our hearts and purse strings.

God grant that we who have been thought worthy of so great a trust will be true to those friends on the far-flung battle line who depend upon us! God grant that we shall not be unworthy members of the great organization through which we find our opportunity for service!

BOOK REVIEW

Miss Willie Jean Stewart, Tennessee
China through a College Window:
William G. Sewell; Friendship Press, New York, 1938; Pages 183; Price \$1 from State Baptist Book Store.



This is a rare and beautiful book, full of mellow wisdom and deep understanding. It tells the story of the Christian college in China with honesty and simplicity and humor and charm. But it does more. It gives real insight into Chinese character, with sympathy for its frailties and foibles and with appreciation of its strengths and loyalties.

Warning his readers in advance that the name of the college of which he has written does not occur in any education yearbook and that the city where it is located does not appear on any map, the author proceeds to picture a school so real and to people it with characters so true to life that one instinctively resolves to make a pilgrimage to "Jen Dah" campus a "first" on any possible future trip to China! It is almost impossible to realize that this portrayal of "life, as it is lived today among Chinese students in a city far removed from the extremes of coastal influence", is a composite picture made up of the author's "personal experience as a teacher in two Christian colleges and as the secretary of a committee connected with all". It is a strong document for Christian missions, as well as a story of vital human interest. Written just before the outbreak of the present hostilities with Japan, it is especially helpful in understanding the attitudes and methods of the Chinese. We hope none of our women will fail to read it.

B. W. C. PROGRAM for
WEEK of PRAYER
(For regular monthly B.W.C. program see page 18.)

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

- Hymn: "Come Women" (Page 48)
Devotional (Cull from four devotionals on pages 10, 17, 23, 30.)
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Talk: Training Others to Go (Page 13)
Prayer for Work and Workers in Mexico, Chile, Argentina and Uruguay
Hymn: "Close to Thee"
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Prayer for Work and Workers in Brazil and Nigeria
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Story: Gold Changed Into Lives (Page 32)
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Hymn: "We Praise Thee, Oh God!"
Talk: "The Offering's Name" and "Miss Lottie Moon in Japan" (Pages 14, 15)
Silent Prayer
Ingathering of Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
Hymn (as Benediction): "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Miss Inabelle Coleman, Virginia

SUGGESTIONS—1. Supplement this program with articles from *The Commission* (50c year, Box 1595, Richmond, Virginia). Especially see Mrs. F. W. Armstrong's article.
2. Use Christmas decorations and candles. At front improvise on a table a choir of dolls dressed in international costumes and with tiny sheets of music before them. Let this scene impersonate an international choir singing Christmas carols unto Christ whom they worship.
3. Give everyone the name of an emeritus missionary to whom to send a Christmas greeting (See list and addresses in *The Commission*, November 1938.)

For B.W.C. program for observance of Week of Prayer see page 17.

ALL NATIONS—Even though southern Baptists have definite missionary work in only sixteen lands, yet we have Baptist sisters and brothers in sixty-nine different nations. These and the other nations may all claim our interest, our study and our prayers.

During the distress and dangers in central Europe, we would not be unmindful that our own are suffering there. Recalling Oncken of Germany, one remembers the Baptist trail blazed eastward by him. Thoughts of Martin Niemöller remind us that there are Baptists, ministers and laymen, in that same concentration camp.

At the Baptist Round Table in London, July 1920, European Baptists were divided among English, French, Canadian and American Foreign Mission Boards. It is of the keenest interest to southern Baptists to know that Dr. W. O. Lewis, of Missouri, is the secretary of the French Baptists' work in northern Europe. Czechoslovakia, Poland, Austria and other small lands make up his fields. Because southern Baptists have had no seminary in Yugoslavia, many young Baptist ministers have gone to Prague in Czechoslovakia for training in the French Baptist Missions' Seminary and have returned to work under our Board. To the Baptist Youth Camp at Tabi, Hungary, there came in the summer of 1937 Baptists from over four borders: Austria, Czechoslovakia, Rumania and Yugoslavia.

Of the twelve million Baptists in the world, a little more than half of them at this Christmas-time are suffering in war-torn lands, in totalitarian persecution, in pagan privations, in papal oppression and in subtle ways that free, happy Americans cannot fathom. Does this fact mean anything to thoughtful Christian business women?

Perhaps always since we became Christians we have been grateful and often paused to whisper love and praise to God. But with the realization of the present sorrow and suffering of millions of fellow Baptists, to say nothing of the millions of others, surely serious southern Baptists are overwhelmed by the goodness of God. Taking spiritual stock, we re-dedicate ourselves, we re-surrender ourselves. We open our treasures—of love and prayers and gifts—and pour them out to Christ for *all the world*.

TOPIC: All Nations

Christmas Carols (String Quartette)

A Scriptural-Carol: Luke 2:8-20 (See also page 11.)

Carols of the Heart: Silent Prayer —Carol Favorite: "Holy Night, Silent Night"

Carols for the Future: "Fifty Years from Now" (Page 20)

An Unfinished Symphony: "The Unfinished Task" (Page 21)

Quartette: "A Charge to Keep"

Christ's Last Carol: "Go Ye" (Page 23)

—*Carols of Prayer*

A Clarion Call: "Training for the Years to Come" (Page 25)

Christmas Carols: "To All People" (Page 26)

Heavenly Carol: "Joy to the World" —Silent Carols: Prayers and Meditation

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PROGRAM PLANS

Mrs. T. M. Pittman, North Carolina

With the PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The end of the year—and what? Such a wonderful Jubilee Year this 1938 has been! Hearts have been stirred by stories of our W.M.U. in its beginnings and we trust that purposes have been strengthened. Each society taking part in the plans of this year must have gained in numbers, in gifts and in ways that cannot be tabulated. But it would be of great interest and encouragement at this December meeting to have reports and check up on the committees and their activities and accomplishments. Possibly full reports will be given at the January meeting when all can be counted, but if there has been much advance, it will be shown even before the December figures are added.

Most societies will observe the Week of Prayer for World-Wide Missions, November 28 through December 2. So much time and thought should go into the preparation and observance of these five days that the program committee must do its best work to make this regular meeting attractive.

The leader may begin by reading the verses—"Our Golden Year Will Soon Be Gone". She may then add a few facts from "The Unfinished Task", concluding with the verse, "There are Millions of Cries" etc. A second woman on the program may begin her talk by reading the verse "Go Ye". She may then speak of the importance of training the young to "think on these things". (See "Training for the Years to Come".) She may end her talk by reading the verses, "Fifty Years from Now". (Pages 21-26)

After this brief program, the chairmen of the various committees may make brief reports of their work for the year—membership, tithing, mission study etc. The Standard of Excellence chart should be on display and might be compared with the record of 1937 as to the Standard. If that chart has been kept, place the two side by side on the wall. A yellow banner might be given to each chairman who has made her quota in the year's aims. Banners might be given also to the circle chairmen who have reached their circle standards.

Mrs. Creasman has prepared such an attractive playlet that it may well be used just as it is. By using the opening talks as suggested the playlet may follow in place of the reports, which may be given at the first meeting of 1939.

"Sweet reasonableness" is counted one of the graces in a woman. Let us try to use it in preparing our December meeting. The women have attended the meetings during the Week of Prayer. They are getting busy with preparations for the holidays when sons and daughters will be out of school. The days are short, often cold and sometimes rainy. Keeping these things in mind will help us to use sweet reasonableness in having a well planned program that ends within the given time. Our Savior's parables and talks were short, but so full of meaning that the centuries have not exhausted them. Be clear, be meaningful, be brief. And a blessed, blessed Christmas to each and all.

EDITORIAL (Concluded from Page 4)

Fiftieth Annual Meeting a message brief, comprehensive and compelling. It closed with these words: "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters. Water suggests expansion and growth. After study of God's Word comes study of the fields. Then people pray. Then they give". Thus the law of love finds its sure expression, its most glorious fulfillment. "Unto the Lord, glory"

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PROGRAM for DECEMBER



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

Prepared by Mrs. C. D. Creasman, Tennessee

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

TOPIC for MONTH: ALL NATIONS—"Sheaves . . . with Rejoicing"

—Rev. 7:9

Hymn for the Year —Watchword for the Year

Bible Study—The Star of David—Isa. 9:2, 6; Mark 12:28-34 (Page 11)

Prayer that the Christmas Star may shed its light of unselfish love into our hearts at this season

Hymn—O Come All Ye Faithful

Fifty Years from Now —The Unfinished Task

Prayer that we may have a realization of the earth's lost millions

Go Ye

—Training for the Years to Come

Hymn—O Zion Hasten

Prayer for the continued growth and usefulness of W.M.U. young people's organizations

To All People

Hymn—Joy to the World

Prayer that we may feel at this Christmas time the urge to give the Christmas message to all of earth's peoples

FIFTY YEARS from NOW



We have reached the last month of our Golden Jubilee Year. How glorious has been this season of golden celebration! There has been a golden halo around the whole year. Golden lights have gleamed from thousands of centers where groups of members of Woman's Missionary Union organizations have rejoiced in Jubilee celebrations. We have enjoyed searching for costumes of fifty years ago and reviving the quaint customs of a period almost forgotten. We have thrilled to relate stories of things that happened a half century ago. We have been inspired by the study of W.M.U. history in the southland, in the states, in the associations and in our local churches. We have delighted to honor those who

blazed the trail for the W.M.U. We have been blessed in paying tribute to those among us whose silver hair indicates many golden years of service. We have rejoiced to gather the golden sheaves of fifty years of W.M.U. achievement. All

of these experiences have combined to make this truly a golden year of Jubilee rejoicing.

And now it is almost gone! After a few more days this golden year will be a golden memory—a part of the past which never returns. What are we going to do about it? Well, first, we must make these last days the best part of the year by filling them with golden service. It is the Christmas season—the time of many opportunities for honoring and serving the Christ Child. We can make this Christmas the golden culmination of our golden year by placing Christ on the golden throne of our hearts and giving Him the first place in this Christmas. We can make our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering larger than ever before. We can check up on all our Golden Jubilee goals, planning to reach every one of them before the year has passed away.

Then, as the year passes out and a new year is ushered in we must turn our faces toward the future with new plans, new goals, new hopes. Anniversary celebrations are worthwhile only as they inspire in our souls ambition to make the future far exceed the past. The deeds of the past must be but golden steps on which to climb to greater heights of future achievements. The lives of those who have wrought mightily during the last half century must remind us that we too "can make our lives sublime" and that on the foundations which they have laid we can build golden temples of missionary living.

When the W.M.U. was organized the motto chosen was "Go forward". Most nobly have members of W.M.U. met the challenge of that motto through the years gone by, as they have steadily gone forward in all lines of their missionary work. We could not find a better slogan for the close of this Golden Jubilee Year than that chosen fifty years ago, as we determine to "go forward" from this point even as fifty years ago our W.M.U. mothers determined to "go forward" in the task of giving the Gospel to a lost world.

With the Jubilee Year almost gone we find ourselves thinking not of the fifty years behind us but of the fifty years ahead. Our imaginations lead us to make all sorts of conjectures about what will come to the world in another fifty years. We wonder what discoveries will be made, what inventions will be produced, what nations will rise and fall, what political, industrial, educational and scientific changes will be made—what kind of a world this will be fifty years from now. Mr. Creasman has let his imagination take lofty flights as in the following verses he pictures the changes that will come fifty years from now:

I wonder what we're coming to,
Fifty years from now.

I wonder what we'll think and do,
Fifty years from now.

I wonder how we'll eat and dress:
Will we wear more clothes then, or less?
We'll do some funny things, I guess,
Fifty years from now.

Our homes will be on wings and wheels,
Fifty years from now.

We'll ask the wireless for our meals,
Fifty years from now.

We'll never sleep and never tire,
We'll eat by proxy, think by wire,
And all keep warm without a fire,
Fifty years from now.

Improved machines will wash the dishes,
Fifty years from now.

They'll do the job just as one wishes,
Fifty years from now.

They'll wash and scald and dry them,
too,
And put them up like people do,
Then sweep the kitchen ere they're
through,
Fifty years from now.

No one knows just what may be,
Fifty years from now.

We'll all just have to wait and see,
Fifty years from now.

But this we know, our women true
Will still find world-wide work to do,
And loyal be to W.M.U.,
Fifty years from now.

We are glad that Mr. Creasman feels that, with all of the changes which may come to the world in another fifty years, the hearts of Baptist women will still be loyal to the W.M.U. and busy in world-wide service. This leads us to wonder what changes will take place in the Kingdom during the next fifty years. Will our missionary work go forward or backward? Will the world become more Christian or less Christian? How many Baptists will there be in the world fifty years from now? What golden sheaves will the W.M.U. gather after another half century of work?

Many of us who study this program cannot hope to be here when the W.M.U. celebrates its centennial fifty years from now. But our children and our children's children will be here, and through them we can begin today planning and working for centennial glories that will far surpass those of the Jubilee. As our foremothers chose the theme, "Go forward", and made such plans, formed such policies and gave such training as to make possible the work we do today, so can we say to our children, "Go forward"; and we can give them such training and fix in their souls such holy ambitions that they will "go forward" to heights of Christian service and Kingdom achievement of which we have never dreamed. Through our young people we can live fifty years to come. Through them we can do things we have never been able to do ourselves. Through them we can largely determine how far the Kingdom will advance in another fifty years.

Our Golden Year will soon be gone,
This Year of Jubilee.
Like other years it passes on
To realms of memory.
But by its golden light we're led
To visions of the years ahead.

Those who began the work we do,
Now fifty years gone by,
Beheld a vision clear and true,
Conceived a purpose high;
"Go forward" was their chosen aim,
"Go forward" in the Master's Name.

Now as we face another day,
Our service to renew,
We still must walk the golden way
With purpose high and true;
"Go forward" still must be our aim,
"Go forward" in the Master's Name.

The young today must, in our stead,
Work on when we are gone.
To them for fifty years ahead
We pass the motto on:
"Go forward" still must be their aim,
"Go forward" in the Master's Name.

The UNFINISHED TASK

WHILE we are rejoicing over the achievements of fifty years of W.M.U. work we need to realize that the task of winning a lost world to Christ is far from finished. While we are gathering the golden sheaves of a half century of toiling in the mission field we need to know that in some parts of the world field the seeds of Gospel truth have not even been sown. It is the unfinished task that presents the challenge of the future and calls us to face another fifty years with the spirit of hope and determination.

It is estimated that there are a billion and a half lost people in the world today. According to the figures of our Baptist statistician, Dr. E. P. Aldredge, there are over twice as many unsaved people in the world today as there were in 1810 and, of course, many times as many as there were when Jesus gave the Great Commission. When we realize that, of the six hundred million called Christians, two-thirds of them are Roman Catholics and Eastern Orthodox, the number of those unevangelized increases greatly. In other words, the Christians of the world have permitted the population of the world to increase much more rapidly than the increase of the number of Christians. In fact, the world is growing more heathen at the rate of six million a year.

Do we realize how many people a billion are? No, it is impossible for us to picture a billion people. In all our lives all the people that we have seen would count up only into the thousands, and a billion is a hundred thousand thousand—a thousand million. If you should attempt to count a billion people at the rate of one a second—giving twenty-four hours a day to the task, never stopping for sleep or rest—it would take you over thirty years to complete the task. Yet there are far more than a billion lost people in the world, each one a soul for whom Jesus died, each one a soul who must spend eternity in hell unless someone gives him the Gospel.

While we are in this meeting, if we stay only one hour, 5440 children will be born into the world, and 4630 persons will die. That means that there will be a net increase of 810 in the world's population in this one hour. During the day the world's population will increase about 20,000. Out of the 4630 persons who are dying during this hour only 542 are nominal Christians. The other 3087 die without even claiming to know Christ. Every minute fifty-one people die without Christ—almost one for every time our watches tick.

In lands where southern Baptists have missionaries live 774,910,000 people. Of these 621,410,335 which is 80.9 per cent are not Christians in any sense, while 147,799,641 or 19.07 per cent are Catholics of either the Roman or Eastern type. That means that less than one per cent of them are evangelical Christians. Truly

There are millions of cries from millions in need,
There are millions of pleas that all Christians should heed,
There are millions of people who know not God's light,
There are millions still groping in darkness and night,
There are millions who struggle in hatred and strife,
There are millions who thirst for the water of life,
There are millions of people who never have heard
The story of Jesus from God's Holy Word,
There are millions of souls in the clutches of sin,
There are millions of lost ones for Baptists to win,
Yes millions and millions and millions!

GO YE

AS WE FACE THE UNFINISHED TASK, the "fields white unto the harvest", there comes ringing across the centuries the last commandment of our Lord: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature".

Go—What are we to do? We are to go! We are not to stand still but are to move out in aggressive action. We are not to sit in complacent enjoyment of the blessings which Christ has brought to us, but we are to arise and take those blessings to others. As Jesus came, so we are to go as messengers of God's love. We are to go with our money, with our prayers, with ourselves. We are to go in every possible way. The word "go" is the most dynamic word used in connection with the Gospel. It is the power that keeps the Gospel moving. If it had not been for the "go" in the Gospel it humanly speaking would have died in Jerusalem nineteen centuries ago. It is the "go" that makes the "grow" and the "glow" of Christian living.

Ye—Who is to go? "Ye"—all of you who know and love Jesus and have accepted His truth for the salvation of your souls! Just those who have more money than they can use for themselves? Just those who are especially gifted as preachers and teachers? Just those who have no encumbrances at home? Just those who hear a special call to some home or foreign field? No! All, every

Christian, the rich and the poor, the young and the old, the educated and the uneducated—all are to go. There is no escaping the obligation, there is no escaping the responsibility. In the face of this fact how sad it is to realize that a vast majority of Christians are not enlisted in missionary work, are not among those who go. Southern Baptists are just about one-fourth enlisted. When we face the task of over a billion souls to be won to Christ it seems impossible, but if every southern Baptist would win one soul this year, and then each of them did the same the next year, and so on, in less than five years the whole world would be evangelized. Of course if Christians of all denominations engaged in the task in the same way the time would be much shorter. But it took more than twenty-three southern Baptists to win each soul that was saved through our churches last year. And we claim to be most evangelistic of all denominations! The world is largely non-Christian today because Christians have failed to see themselves as the "ye" of the Gospel command. "Go ye", says Jesus; that "ye" means you and me and every one who is a real Christian. To fail to recognize that fact is the most serious mistake a Christian can make.

Into All the World—Where are we to go? Into all the world! We are to begin at Jerusalem and then go into Judea, Samaria and to the uttermost parts of the world. "The field is the world". There can be no limitation. We must not be nearsighted and see only the part of the field closest to us. We must not be farsighted and see only the far-away places. No spot of the earth's surface is to be left out.

Preach the Gospel—What are we to do as we go? Preach the Gospel! We are not to reform or socialize or industrialize people, but we are to give them the Gospel, which is the greatest reforming power in the world and which can solve all social, industrial and political problems. We are to preach the Gospel by every possible way and means. We are to heal people's bodies in order that they may know the Great Physician who can heal their souls. We are to teach, that we might have the opportunity to preach, and that we might prepare others to preach. We are to preach through the printed page. We are to preach through the influence of daily Christian living. We are to preach the *Gospel*, the Good News of Salvation through Jesus who came that all might have life.

To Every Creature—This Gospel must be preached to individual souls and all individuals are to be included. Not just to Jews, not just to Americans, not just to white people, not just to a favored few of a certain class or hue, but to every creature we are to preach the Gospel. How we do need to realize the value of the soul of the individual! How we do need to hear again the "every creature" message in our commission! When we remember again how many "creatures" there are in the world who are not Christians, we may feel discouraged. But our business is not to fret over the hugeness of the task and the difficulties in the way but to obey the command of Jesus who said, "Go ye". We are not to be weary in well doing but are to go on, having the promise that in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

GO YE—it is the Lord's command!
 GO YE—to those of every land,
 GO YE—to every clime and place,
 GO YE—to every tribe and race,
 GO YE—the Gospel news to preach,
 GO YE—the whole wide world to reach,
 GO YE—to all who will receive,
 GO YE—baptize those who believe,
 GO YE—and Jesus will attend
 And go with you to earth's remotest end.

TRAINING for THE YEARS to COME

WHEN our mothers of 1888 planned our W.M.U. organization they realized the importance of including the young people in their work. In the preamble of the constitution, written at that time, we find the phrase, "And the children". In defining the purpose of the organization that same constitution included the children among those whose cooperation was to be secured "in collecting and raising money for missions". At the organization meeting one of the delegates said, "We must seek to train our young people especially to see the whole scope of missions". Thus did our W.M.U. leaders of fifty years ago realize the importance of training for future leadership. As Miss Mather said in her report to the Jubilee annual meeting: "Woman's Missionary Union was begun with a vigorous interest in the missionary training of children and young people from which she cannot depart".

Many W.M.U. workers of today are those who sometime during the past fifty years have been trained in W.M.U. organizations. The writer of these programs is glad to remember that she came into Woman's Missionary Union as a Sunbeam and that she is but one of thousands of women over the southland who rejoice because years ago the W.M.U. placed their childish feet in paths of service and led them as "young women into places of joyous responsibility". This training which has been given to us we must pass on to others. One way by which we can go is to prepare others to go. In another fifty years most of those who are leaders today will have passed away. How imperative it is that we prepare those who must take their places! We must plant in the hearts of the young people of today the missionary zeal, the missionary inspiration and the desire for service which will make them leaders tomorrow. Wonderful opportunities lie out in the fifty years to come. Wonderful things are waiting to be done. We must prepare the young people of today to do them. Through the years our W.M.U. has developed a remarkable group of organizations for the missionary education of young people. **Sunbeams**—When the W.M.U. was organized the Sunbeam movement was already two years old, for it was in 1886 that Dr. George Braxton Taylor started in Fairmont, Virginia, the first Sunbeam Band. This work spread rapidly among the churches and in 1896 was taken over by the Woman's Missionary Union as the first young people's organization. Last year 6184 Sunbeam Bands were reported, giving a total of \$32,160.48 in addition to their local gifts. While this is a marvelous report we need to realize that we are reaching only a small per cent of our Baptist children with this missionary training. There are 24,671 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention. Dividing this number by the number of Sunbeam Bands shows that only one-fourth of the churches have bands. In your imagination, picture the thousands of children who are growing up without missionary training—without the privilege of sharing with other children their blessings, without the mental and spiritual development which comes from missionary studying, praying and giving. Many children of Sunbeam age today will be living fifty years from now. Just think of what they could do for the Kingdom in this half century of time! But they can't do it unless we train them. Let's get busy and organize bands in more churches, enlist more children and do our utmost to make the Sunbeam work as large, as efficient and as missionary as possible.

Y.W.A.—Second in the date of organization was the Y.W.A. Even before 1888 the young women of the south met in societies for missionary work. These were called by different names, but in 1907 the official name—Young Woman's Auxiliary—was adopted. Last year a total of 4882 Y.W.A.'s. was reported with a membership of 65,292. Of these organizations ninety were Ann Hasseltine Y.W.A.'s. in colleges and universities, and twenty-eight were Grace McBride Y.W.A.'s. in hospitals. All Y.W.A.'s. gave last year \$110,020.84 to other than

local causes. When we realize that it is these young women, who in the near future must take the places of leadership in our churches, it is appalling to know that in only one-sixth of the southern Baptist churches are organizations giving definite missionary training to the young women. How zealous we ought to be in organizing Y.W.A.'s in every church!

R.A.—As early as 1890 from Georgia came the suggestion that "a special subject for consideration be that of work especially amongst the boys". In 1908 the Order of Royal Ambassadors was inaugurated to care for the developing of missionary activity among southern Baptist boys". It is interesting to know that this beautiful name for the boys' organization came to Miss Heck while listening to a hymn—"The King's Business"—in Asheville, N. C., at a young men's meeting. The R.A. work has developed until today there are 4410 chapters, with 44,233 members giving last year \$33,133.27 to non-local causes. Again we need to compare the number of organizations with the number of churches, and we see that only one-sixth of our churches have R.A. Chapters. Through the R.A. work we are training the future men of the church. How important it is that we should reach as many boys as possible, because the preachers, the deacons, the missionaries, the titheers of tomorrow will come from the group which we train today!

G.A.—The last W.M.U. organization to be formed was the Girls' Auxiliary. While girls of G.A. age had been meeting in Junior Y.W.A.'s and groups called by varied names, it was not until 1913 that the Girls' Auxiliary came into existence as a separate organization. So this year, which is the Golden Jubilee of the W.M.U., is the Silver Anniversary of the G.A.'s. The Girls' Auxiliary leads all W.M.U. young people's organizations in the number of organizations and members. Last year there were 7,699 G.A.'s with a membership of 92,899, giving \$54,557.55 to causes outside their churches. But not yet one-third of the churches have Girls' Auxiliaries. That means that there is a great host of Baptist girls who are not receiving missionary training. This will be a "silver year" indeed for the missionary cause if we can organize many new G.A.'s and enlist many new members during their Silver Anniversary.

In the address of our president, Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, to the Jubilee annual meeting, we find the following challenging words in regard to our young people's work: "Like flowers opening to the sun is the development of our graded system of missionary education. Warmed by the love and fostering care of women, one after another of the organizations came into being because groups of young people came to love missions and, working in age groups, asked for their own organizations. Chief emphasis has always been on the cause rather than the organization. Every social movement clamors for the loyalty of youth. Let it not be said of us who love missions that the children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light. Standing at the dawn of a new half century in the life and work of W.M.U. are you ready to go forward in missionary education of young people?"

To ALL PEOPLE

(The following playlet is so simple that any group can present it. No special stage arrangement is necessary, although a living room scene decorated for Christmas will make the playlet more effective. The W.M.U. Woman wears usual dress and sits in a rocking chair near the center throughout the play. The one impersonating the W.M.U. should wear a lavender robe. Those representing the nations should wear costumes of the nations or, if this is impossible, should carry flags. The flags of all nations can be ordered from your State Baptist Book Store.)
Music—"Silent Night" (Sung either by soloist or by whole group)

W.M.U. Woman—(Pianist continues to play "Silent Night" while she reads Luke

2:10 aloud from her Bible)—"Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people". (She looks up from Bible and speaks while music continues.) How wonderful is this Christmas season with its carols and trees and gifts and everything that has become a part of our Christmas celebration! But surely the best part about Christmas is this story of the Christ Child. How I love it!—the angels, the shepherds, the wise men and, best of all, the Babe in the manger! (She reads aloud the same verse again.) "To all people". Surely there can be nothing selfish about Christmas, for Jesus came to all people. And yet while I enjoy the blessings of Christmas there are millions in the world who have not heard that the Christmas Child came to all people.

(Music ceases and representatives of the nations enter in the order given. Each one speaks and then continues to stand on the platform.)

China—Many million people in China have not heard that Jesus came to all people. In fact the largest group of lost people in the world live in China. While there is the sound of Christmas carols on the air of your country, in mine is the sound of bursting bomb and roaring cannon. While you rejoice with all the joys of the season, thousands of my people are dying on the battlefield, and other thousands are huddled together in refugee camps. China needs the glad tidings of Him who came to all people.

Japan—Millions of people in Japan have not learned that Jesus came to all people. If the Christmas message had come to them centuries ago, as it did to your people, they would not now be waging a cruel war on a sister nation. While you are enjoying Christmas, remember Japan's sin-cursed millions.

Africa—Millions in Africa have never heard of the light which once shone from a manger bed. Our lives are dark with ignorance and superstition and our heathen gods can give us no light. We need to know of Jesus who came to bring light to all people.

Europe—In Europe are many nations of people who, though they may celebrate Christmas, do not understand the meaning of the coming of the Christ Child. They will feast and observe various customs of celebration, but their hearts will hunger for a spiritual knowledge of Him who came to all people.

South America—In South America are millions of people who do not know Jesus. Some of them have heard of Him and are members of the Catholic Church, but they do not know Him as the Savior of their souls. Others have never even heard of the coming of Jesus. All need to be told of the glad tidings of Him who came to all people.

Mexico—In Mexico are millions without Christ. We, too, have a form of Christianity, but we know nothing of the spirit of Christ. We will have a Christmas celebration, but we will not rejoice over the coming of the King, because we do not know Him as a spiritual power in our lives. We need the Christ who came to all people.

Cuba—In Cuba are millions who have no real Christmas. Our form of Christianity has concealed rather than revealed Christ to us. Our hearts are hungry for real Christmas joy. We want to know of Him who came to all people.

Palestine—In the land, to which Jesus came, are millions of people who do not know the Christmas story. The stars which shine over Palestine this Christmas will shed their light upon hosts of people who do not know the meaning of the Bethlehem star. Surely He who came to all people desires that the people of His own land shall know His love.

The Homeland—In your own homeland are millions of people who have no right to celebrate Christmas. Most of them know about the Christ Child and will engage in all the merrymaking of Christmas, but they have not accepted the

Christmas King as the Lord of their lives. Others who have accepted Him as Savior celebrate Christmas in such a selfish way that His name is dishonored. Yes, millions in America need to know that Jesus came to all people.

W.M.U. Woman—What a sad picture it is! Nineteen centuries have passed since Jesus came to all people and yet these millions from many nations and our homeland have not heard the glad tidings. "To all people! To all people!" These words ring in my ears as if calling me to share the joys of Christmas with all people. (*Soloist sings third verse of "It Came upon the Midnight Clear". W.M.U. enters.*)

W.M.U.—I come to remind you that you are sharing the joys of Christmas with many people. As a member of Woman's Missionary Union you are having a part in giving the Gospel to those of many nations. Fifty years ago the Baptist women of the southland heard the call of all people and organized that they might give the Gospel to those of many lands. Through this organization they have joined hands with other Christian forces in sending the Christmas message around the world. As a result of this missionary work, in these lands of great need are large bands of Christians who will celebrate with you this year the birthday of Him who came to bring salvation to all people.

(*"Silent Night" is played softly while the following speeches are given.*)

China—About seventy-five thousand Baptists in China join you in celebrating Christmas because you have helped to send them the Gospel.

Japan—In Japan about seven thousand members of Baptist churches will have a Christmas much like yours, rejoicing in the coming of the King of kings.

Africa—The Christmas star will shine on about 21,000 Baptists in Nigeria because you sent the Gospel to them.

Europe—In Rumania, Hungary, Jugoslavia, Italy and Spain are 87,000 Baptists who share the joys of your Christmas. You can rejoice because you are helping the Baptist work in these lands.

South America—In Brazil, Argentina, Chile and Uruguay are 60,000 Baptists. It is summer time in these southern lands, but they are celebrating Christmas in their hearts just as you are because your missionaries won them to Christ.

Mexico—In your neighborland of Mexico are 17,000 Baptists who understand the meaning of Christmas because you sent the Gospel to them.

Palestine—In Palestine and Syria are 133 Baptists who will celebrate Christmas this year because you have helped the Star of Bethlehem to shine on the lives of these who live in the land where that star first shed its light.

Cuba—In Cuba are 8,500 Baptists who rejoice with you in the glad tidings of great joy which came with the Christ Child.

Southland—Through your gifts to missions many in the southland are learning the true meaning of Christmas. Indians, mountaineers, Negroes, Jews and those of many nationalities living within our borders will share the joy of your Christmas because you have helped to tell them the Christmas story.

W.M.U. Woman—It rejoices my heart to know that I have had a part in giving the Gospel to these of many lands and here at home. I thank you, W.M.U., for making a place of service for me. I rejoice in your fifty years of missionary work, and I turn with you toward the future with a glad, hopeful heart. I remember another beautiful passage of Scripture about all people (*reads Rev. 7:9*): "After these things I saw, and behold, a great multitude, which no man could number, out of every nation and of all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, arrayed in white robes, and palm branches in

their hands". I will celebrate this Christmas with the promise of that verse in my heart, determined to do my best to give the glad tidings of the Christ Child to all people that the day may be hastened when this great multitude out of all nations shall stand before the throne praising God for sending Jesus into the world. As Gwynn McLendon expresses it:

Christmas again! Prophetic day!
We celebrate what is to be:
A cradled Christ upon His throne,
A ransomed earth about His knee;
Full fellowship of God and man,
Transcendent life—His perfect plan!

(*All on platform join those in audience in singing "Joy to the World".*)

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. What joys and blessings have we received from the celebration of the Golden Jubilee?
2. Discuss the changes which may take place in the next fifty years.
3. What should be the spirit of the W.M.U. as we face the next fifty years?
4. How many lost people in the world today?
5. Compare the growth of the world with the growth of Christianity.
6. Discuss the importance of Jesus' last command to Christian people.
7. Discuss the importance of missionary training for young people.
8. Which of the W.M.U. organizations was organized first?
9. Give dates of organization of all W.M.U. young people's organizations.
10. Tell something of the growth of these organizations.
11. Discuss the missionary significance of Christmas.
12. How may we make this Christmas a preparation for greater missionary work in the future?

REFERENCE MATERIAL

The Window of Y.W.A. —World Comrades
The Commission —Southern Baptist Home Missions
Following in His Train. Ethlene Boone Cox
For This Cause Inabelle Coleman
Report of Young People's Secretary in 1938 W.M.U. Minutes

STANDARD REPORTING

TURN, please, to pages 37-39 of 1938 Year Book to make sure that your reporting is "up to the standard"! If any of the directions are not perfectly clear, write promptly to your state W.M.U. headquarters. *Even now there may be time for your society to reach the Standard of Excellence. Certainly also you will desire that its record be accurately reported.*

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OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

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

STAR BRIGHT at CHRISTMAS

As Christmas stars begin to decorate our churches and as starlight shines in children's eyes, let us see how bright our record in missionary education is really going to be as 1938 comes to a close. We are loathe to part with this stimulating Golden Jubilee Year, yet its twelve months are all but gone. Have we starred in our record? Is there any polishing up possible at this "twelfth hour"?

★ Look at your Standard of Excellence. Will it be marked completely for an A-1 record? You could have a mission study class even now. New books are beguiling. Use the W.M.U. history books, *To Be Continued*, price 25c, by Lonnie Benson Thomas for intermediates and *Five Times Ten*, price 25c, by Myrle Anderson Lane for juniors and Sunbeams. *Five Times Ten* is just off the press. We needed to know much W.M.U. history before we were ready to teach Sunbeams and juniors but now with *Following in His Train*, price 60c, and *To Be Continued* and the *Golden Jubilee Souvenir Book* as background knowledge, we are ready to use *Five Times Ten* to the very best advantage. Every child will want his or her own copy to keep. You can still pull up on your record of gifts if that hasn't reached your apportionment. Order all books from State Baptist Bookstore.

★ It counts on the Standard of Excellence and it is most important to the Kingdom of God—have you observed the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and ingathering of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering? Do not fail here. Clamorous needs will be met by our Foreign Mission Board as

indicated in the published list of objectives. Let us go far beyond our \$200,000 goal. Praying and giving are twins that cannot be separated, each completes the other.

★ Have you given your share in the Golden Jubilee Gift of \$60,000? Every W.M.U. member wants to have a part in this. Do not deprive your young people of the joy of such giving. They will want to look back in twenty-five years as the \$60,000 works in the Kingdom and recall that they gave to it. This can be done now as Christmas stars sparkle and shine.

★ Have you suggested that parents subscribe to *World Comrades* and to *The Window of Y.W.A.* for the young people in their homes? Magazines that last all year and show the long reach of the Christmas Star down to our day and out to far places of the world, make just the right Christmas gift for Baptist children and young people. Send your dollar for either magazine and state to whom you want it to go and we will send a Christmas gift card to announce the promise of your enduring gift.

★ While Christmas stars shine you will want to be planning your Promotion Service also. See suggestions in 1939 W.M.U. Year Book (pages 73-74) and make this an impressive affair full of mission interest.

In the dazzle and glitter of Christmas, hold the reality of Christmas steady in young hearts. This can be done by constant progress in missionary education.

COLLEGE Y. W. A.

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

OFFERINGS and VACATIONS



There is time to give one more reminder in this *Royal Service* about the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Let no Ann Hasseltine or Grace McBride Y.W.A. fail to participate in this season of praying and giving. Imagine Ann Hasseltine—dauntless, devoted—neglecting a call like this! Imagine Grace McBride—sacrificial, serving—overlooking a chance like this! Those who bear their name in our Y.W.A. organizations must not miss the blessing of praying and the joy of giving. Morning watch, or noon-day prayer services, or evening hours, may all be used for this Week of Prayer observance. Chapel hours may be devoted to it. Arrange for impressive and attractive ingathering service, which will make the young women feel their gifts have indeed been offered to the living God in Kingdom service. See suggestions in Ann Hasseltine or Grace McBride Y.W.A. Guide and in the program as distributed through state headquarters.

Set a goal for your gifts to be definite and to help you be generous. "Christmas for Christ" will help us balance our thinking so that our personal gifts to family and friends do not out-

weigh our gift to our personal Savior. What large share in the \$200,000 goal will you take? There is no joy in giving unless the gift be worthy; we wish you a joyous Christmas.

And during the holidays, see what the young women at home for a few weeks can do to help the younger missionary education organizations. During their months in school they have met denominational leaders, missionaries and, in some cases, friends from mission fields at home or overseas, and therefore they can tell the boys and girls and the other young women about such experiences. Coming home for the vacation, young women may have a rather left-out feeling in their home churches unless they are asked to render some particular service. A story to tell to the Sunbeams, new merry songs to teach G.A.'s. or Y.W.A.'s., experiences with a foreigner to describe to the R.A.'s., this will do good to both the young people themselves and to those who are spurred on by their enthusiasm to appreciate the bigness of missions by the realization that organized undertakings for missions are found everywhere through our southland where people are world-conscious.

To keep Christmas as Christ's own birthday let us watch offerings and vacation. Let's present them to Him in loyal love.

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Founders' Day



The observance of Founders' Day at the Training School Sunday, October 2, was another of those historic occasions so thoroughly enjoyed by those present. It was fittingly mentioned that this date was particularly significant since it was on October 2, 1792, that twelve ministers of Kettering met to form the first Baptist Society for spreading the message of Christ among the unsaved. One hundred and forty-three years later this date was chosen as Founders' Day for the Training School, a school dedicated to the training of workers for that same high purpose.

Space forbids giving in detail the program so carefully and thoughtfully prepared—the music furnished by the Training School Chorus under the direction of Miss Edwards, the Scripture read by Miss Fannie Moses, the impressive way in which Mrs. Druien paid tribute to members of the original Board who have passed on, and the prayer of Dr. W. O. Carver as he lifted our hearts to a Father who has been so good to bless our missionary efforts. Without these the program would not have been complete but the high peak came when Miss Mallory, executive secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union, was presented and told in her beautiful and charming way of the life and service of one who meant so much to the Training School—Mrs. Maud Reynolds McLure, the first principal who served so efficiently for sixteen years. Miss Mallory said: "Today in a very special way we would memorialize her as one of the five founders".

Her address was largely a compendium of remarks from many, among them Dr. C. S. Gardner, Miss Emma Leachman, two trustees, and a student for each year that Mrs. McLure was at the school. It centered around words aptly descriptive of Mrs. McLure in her work: queenly, approachable, social, tireless, studious, far-seeing, prayerful. As Mrs. McLure was presented through these traits one could see that truly her influence had been felt in every phase of school life. Her charm, her graciousness, her culture, her brilliant mind had not only gone into the very foundations but had made foundations so broad that they could be built on in years to come.

What a challenge to us as she told of Mrs. McLure's practical Christianity! "It was she who worked so constantly in the founding and promotion of the Good Will Center", now a model for settlement work in the homeland and on the foreign fields. She saw in this a double service: "A light-house in a very dark part of Louisville", and a clinic for the training of workers who would take the light into many dark places of the world. Her zeal for missions was real as was manifested in her work even after she left the Training School. Truly to us she has left an example, a challenge. O may we hold high the torch passed on by her and join with Miss Mallory in quoting:

"Now you have gone, but you have left to me
A priceless beauty in your legacy:
The clear clean vision of the dreams you knew,
The splendid courage that was a part of you,
The fearless wisdom and the tender heart,
The high white faith that marked you one apart,
The soul that drew the world into its ken
With sympathy for all its fellow men,
The bigness of yourself, your soul, your mind—
These are the things you left behind,
And I would not change with king or sage.
God make me worthy of my heritage!"

—George Fancher

MARGARET FUND

Chairman: Mrs. H. M. Rhodes, Tennessee

THE seventy-six Margaret Fund students listed below have entered college for the scholastic year 1938-39. It is possible one or two will yet enroll for the second semester. Brazil is represented by thirty-one students; China twenty-three; Cuba seven; Africa three; Florida and Texas two each; Chile, Japan, Mexico, Louisiana and Oklahoma one each. Eighteen students have entered Texas institutions, eleven of these being in Baylor University. Eleven have chosen Kentucky schools.

The members of Woman's Missionary Union are privileged to have a part in the education of these future missionary leaders on home and foreign fields.—Mrs. W. J. Cox, Treasurer W.M.U.

MARGARET FUND SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS—1938-39

ALABAMA:

Williams, David South (China) University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa

FLORIDA:

Day, Dorothy (Florida) John B. Station University, Deland
Hoyt, Arnold Edward (Brazil) " " " " "
Moore, Robert (Chile) " " " " "

GEORGIA:

Bennett, Barbara Jane (Florida) Beale Tift College, Forsyth
*Patterson, Fanny (Africa) Shawnee College, Rome
Taylor, Alfred B. (Brazil) Georgia School of Technology, Atlanta

KENTUCKY:

Anderson, Thomas (China) W.M.U. Training School, Louisville
Terry, Sue Elizabeth (Brazil) " " " " "
Brecher, Lewis M. (Brazil) Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville
Harris, Madam (China) " " " " "
Jackson, Judson (Brazil) " " " " "
Jackson, Stephen (Brazil) " " " " "
Brecher, Robert G. (Brazil) Georgetown College, Georgetown
Middox, John Ray (Brazil) " " " " "
Mein, David (Brazil) " " " " "
Mein, William Carey (Brazil) " " " " "
Madden, Daniel (Brazil) Medical School of Louisville, Louisville

LOUISIANA:

Anderson, David (China) Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans
Aguillard, Paul (Louisiana) Louisiana College, Pineville
Morgan, Leah Virginia (Brazil) " " " " "

MISSISSIPPI:

Cawsett, Helen Elizabeth (Brazil) Holmes Junior College, Goodman
Merritt, Coco May (China) Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain
Yocum, Dorothy (China) " " " " "
Shepard, John (Brazil) Mississippi College, Clarks

MISSOURI:

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

NORTH CAROLINA:

Baker, Margie (Brazil) Woman's College of University of North Carolina, Greensboro
Callorio, Annabel Lee (Cuba) Wingate College, Wingate
Martinez, Esther (Cuba) " " " " "
Martinez, Maite Teresa (Cuba) " " " " "
Grant, Dorothy (Africa) Meredith College, Raleigh
Forsell, May Hanner (Africa) " " " " "
Oliver, Howard Keith (China) Wake Forest College, Wake Forest
Parter, Lillian (Brazil) Wake Forest College, Wake Forest

* Special Scholarship, Georgia W.M.U.

† Medical Loan Scholarship

OKLAHOMA:

Johann, Dorothy _____ (Brazil) Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee
 Johnson, Joe _____ (Brazil) " " " "
 Worthington, Alpha Marie _____ (Ohio) " " " "

SOUTH CAROLINA:

Shepard, Samuel Groover _____ (Brazil) Furman University, Greenville
 Wives, Benjamin M. _____ (Brazil) " " " "
 Taylor, Chris Brown _____ (Brazil) Woman's College-Furman University, Greenville

TENNESSEE:

Fowler, Franklin _____ (Argentina) Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City
 Madison, Pauline _____ (Japan) Union University, Jackson
 Ferguson, Edward _____ (Brazil) " " " "
 Lowe, Jackson _____ (China) Vanderbilt Medical School, Nashville

TEXAS:

Bryan, John N. _____ (China) Baylor University, Waco
 Christie, James _____ (Brazil) " " " "
 Calpepper, Charles _____ (China) " " " "
 Fielder, Wilson, Jr. _____ (China) " " " "
 Fielder, Oida Jean _____ (China) " " " "
 Glass, Gertrude _____ (China) " " " "
 Glass, Bryan F. _____ (China) " " " "
 McInnes, Marie Orlon _____ (Brazil) " " " "
 McInnes, Harry _____ (Brazil) " " " "
 Stapp, Wilford Lee _____ (Brazil) " " " "
 Viles, Evangelina _____ (Brazil) San Marcos Academy, San Marcos
 Crouch, Margaret _____ (Brazil) " " " "
 Lee, Robert Williamson _____ (Brazil) " " " "
 Dyer, Virginia _____ (Brazil) Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene
 Moore, Martha Jane _____ (China) " " " "
 Moore, James Walton _____ (China) " " " "
 Ruiz, Heriberto Fernando _____ (Texas) A. B. M. College, Bryan
 Fielder, Richard Byron _____ (China) High School, San Angelo, Texas

VIRGINIA:

Bugby, Luther _____ (Brazil) Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg
 Crabtree, Margaret _____ (Brazil) Washington College, Richmond
 Newson, Roy _____ (China) University of Richmond, Richmond

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Begor, Angel _____ (Cuba) Havana, Cuba (care Dr. M. N. McCall)
 Chamber, Christine _____ (China) University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.
 Canaler, William S. _____ (China) University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa
 Elder, Arthur _____ (Argentina) Spangoo's College, South Norwood Hill, London, S. E. 21
 Elder, Frank _____ (Argentina) Elbiam College, 21 Milborough Crescent, London, S. E. 12
 Fraguela, Nabel Elizabeth _____ (Cuba) Santa Clara Normal School, Santa Clara, Cuba
 Hamlett, Peter _____ (China) Los Angeles City College, Los Angeles, Calif.
 Hernandez, Moises _____ (Cuba) Baptist Seminary, Havana, Cuba
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GOOD NEWS of the KINGDOM

"Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people: for there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord". *Luke 2:10, 11*

"And the government shall be upon His shoulder . . . Of the increase of His government and of peace there shall be no end". *Isa. 9:6, 7*

There are 5000 or more languages spoken in the world. The Bible in whole or in part has been translated into more than 1000 of these. Of the remaining languages, 3000 hardly need a translation, we are told, because they are so closely related to other languages into which the Bible has been translated or they are dying out. The 1000 languages remaining offer yet a great opportunity.

It is but 146 years since the Modern Missionary Movement was launched and William Carey sailed for India, but 125 years since Adoniram Judson went to Burma, each waiting years for his first convert, yet, says a Methodist Board secretary who recently made a visit there: "One cannot travel widely throughout India and Burma in these days without being impressed with the enormous sweep of Christianity in one way or another".

The first missionary appointed by our Foreign Mission Board was Samuel C. Clopton, September 1, 1845, who went to China. Since then southern Baptists have sent more than 1000 missionaries to distant lands—sixteen nations with a total population of 754,864,903 souls. Among these people we have a harvest of 4715 churches and 2798 out-stations with a church membership of 203,674. Of ministers, physicians, trained nurses, teachers and secretaries we have in foreign lands 422. Of the national workers cooperating with these we have 930 ordained pastors, 1411 unordained workers, 19 physicians and 140 nurses. Nine new missionaries were appointed in October.

Writing concerning the work of the Kingdom, Dr. W. O. Carver gives us many items of Good News, among them the following: "It is most interesting to observe increasing emphasis from various countries to which missionaries have been sent from protestant Europe and America on the expression of desire and conviction that the missionary work shall be enlarged, extended and developed". Dr. Carver also calls attention to the fact that the President of China, a Christian ruler of the greatest non-Christian nation in the world, is trying to rule that great nation for the glory of God.

Southern Baptists through the Home Mission Board have 332 missionaries serving in 367 churches and 517 mission stations. Of new

workers appointed in September four were to the Mexicans, nine were to be teachers of Bible in Negro colleges in the hope of helping in Negro ministerial education.

For the year closing April 30 Home Board workers report 5200 conversions with 2400 baptisms. Dr. Beagle estimates that there was an average of baptisms on our home mission fields of 200 each month for a period of five months this year. A fifteen-year-old Jewish boy was converted in a Royal Ambassador Camp under the leadership of Miss Gladys Keith of the Home Mission Board.

From actual statistics it has been discovered that *three times as many Jewish converts enter the Gospel ministry as converts from among the heathen and that in the nineteenth century there was one protestant convert to every 150 of the Jewish population at the end of that century.* Yet we look upon the evangelization of the Jews as one of Christianity's most difficult tasks.

It will be Good News to many to know that Miss Wilma Bucy for some years teacher of W.M.U. Methods at the W.M.U. Training School and author of *The How and Why of W.M.U.* is the new field worker of the Home Mission Board. She and Miss Leachman will make a strong team.

There is so much Good News from every land in which southern Baptists are at work and yet there is yet much land to be possessed. And now that we are entering the last month of our Golden Jubilee Year and all societies are checking up on the achievements of the year using the Standard of *Excellence* as their measuring rod, would it not be well for each individual to try checking up on her own personal spiritual growth and development during this same year? It might help if each one could and would take up again the Self-Searching Questions used in the fall of 1937 (*they were published in September 1937 Royal Service also distributed as a free leaflet from state W.M.U. headquarters*) and once again search her own heart ere, as Mrs. Cressman suggests in this month's program, "we turn our faces toward the future with new plans, new goals, new hopes".

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