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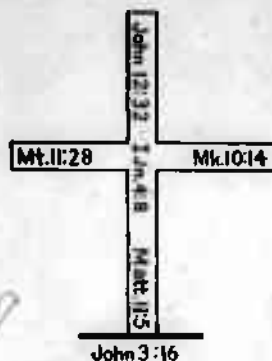
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EDITORIAL

CONSTRAINING LOVE

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



It is our earnest hope that each member of Woman's Missionary Union will make the year's watchword her rule of life for this new year. "The love of Christ constraineth us" is powerful enough to make life wholly different if we yield ourselves to its compelling, pervading influence. In I John 3:18 we find the following words as translated by Dr. Moffatt: "My dear children, let us put our love not into words or into talk but into deeds and make it real". Expression is the law of love. Love in action proves its sincerity. Love is genuine when it begets deeds.

Another year of life slips into the record of the ages. What does it register in love's expression? A new year with its coveted opportunities lies before us. What will be its record? Certain things are inescapable, laying upon the Christian a solemn responsibility.

Ours is a sorely suffering world. It needs the leaven of Christian living. Only the message of the Gospel can heal its torn and bleeding places. Sin and hate and wrong are banished only as righteousness and love and justice permeate all of life. Jesus said: "I have overcome the world". Through the ages since, His disciples have been engaged in the business of overcoming the world and its evils. This is the Christian's mission, constrained by the love of Christ. We are partakers in this holy task. That we may work more effectively we join others in study, prayer and gifts. As we count our blessings surely this sharing in so great an enterprise leads all the rest.

A great historian has said, "The world is moved forward not only by the mighty shoves of great heroes but by the aggregate of the tiny pushes of each honest worker". How well this truth applies to the life and work of our missionary organization through fifty years. We praise the gifted leadership of Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, Miss Annie W. Armstrong and others. We know also that the glowing record of missionary participation would not have been made without the sum of the love and labor of countless other members, less known but no less devoted. They gave themselves to study and prayer; they earnestly sought to enlist others in interest and activity; they gave sacrificially; they worked patiently in training children and young people. These countless ones whose service is a heritage to us were consistent. They put their love, not into mere words or idle talk, but into deeds. Thus they made their love real. They become to us an inspiring example. Our number of members is so much greater. Our knowledge of the world and its needs is broadened through multiplied means of communication. The much training of all the years lays upon us an obligation to more loyal, loving, devoted missionary service. To this "the love of Christ constraineth us". To constrain is not to lead gently but to *compel*, to *force*, to *oblige*, to *drive irresistibly*. Such power has the love of Christ that, if we do in this new year make this watchword the rule of life, we shall day by day *put our love into deeds and so make it real*.



SOUTHWIDE BAPTIST REVIVAL



The SOUTHWIDE BAPTIST REVIVAL for WHICH WE PRAY

Roland Q. Leavell

Supt. of Evangelism, Home Mission Board



The promotion of the Southwide Baptist Revival for 1939 will receive the complete and continual cooperation of the Women's Missionary Societies and their auxiliaries. That much is assured.

The first method of cooperation which is requested from the W.M.U. groups is personal, purposeful, persistent, Pentecostal prayer. If a real revival comes, southern Baptist women and men must pray. Moffatt's translation of Acts 1:14 reads: "All those men resorted with one mind to prayer, together with the women". A revival will come in 1939 only if and when there is a yearning for righteousness, a spurning of sin, a burning for souls, and a returning to God in penitential prayer.

NEW YEAR'S DAY, a DAY of PRAYER

January 1st, 1939, has been set apart as a day of special prayer for a revival. Pastors are planning to make this a day of earnest intercession. Many churches will hold watch-night prayer services on the Saturday night before. Doubtless the members of the missionary societies will enter most heartily into the spirit of this day. The spirit of prayer will be carried over into the first meetings of the missionary society.

If the year begins with prayer for souls, perhaps it will be continued in the same way. Paul said, "Pray without ceasing" (*1 Thess. 5:17*), which could be interpreted as meaning, "Never give up prayer". God grant that the womanhood of the southland will never give up prayer until the tides of sin and wickedness are turned back by a revival of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.

PRAYER at the FAMILY ALTAR

One major objective of the Southwide Baptist Revival efforts is to promote the establishment of family altars in multiplied thousands of Christian homes. Many present-day homes sadly need the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit. If the home life of the land can be made spiritual, the power of ungodliness will be broken at its source. Moral and spiritual character is the fruit of which spiritual home life is the root.

Woman's Missionary Union could scarcely adopt a more far-reaching program than that of establishing family altars in their homes. The family altar page which is given each month in *Royal Service* is admirably suited to help in this program. (See pages 1, 11.)

PRAYER for INDIVIDUALS

Undoubtedly a large percentage of the missionary society members have prayer lists of names of lost people for whom they pray. This is the first step toward soul-winning. All successful soul-winners have been sincere intercessors. Important. (Concluded on Page 32)



WATCHWORD for YEAR



"The LOVE of CHRIST CONSTRAINETH US"

L. R. Scarborough

President of Southern Baptist Convention



In II Corinthians 5:14 Paul goes to the heart of all spiritual motivation. The W.M.U. of the south has just registered its greatest year and now faces its most far-reaching period of service.

Its organization was never so complete, its leadership never more loved, its achievements never more far-reaching. Its motivation is the constraint of Christ's love. Primarily here Paul means Christ's love for us, but it is really a three-fold constraint—His love for us, our love for Him, and His and our love for lost souls.

The meaning of constraint here is twofold. First, "restraint". Like the hoops of a barrel Christ's love holds us together, holds us away from sinful things. Second, like a deep, inner urge Christ's love sends us out to do His unselfish service. It is like the centripetal and centrifugal powers of gravity. It holds us in and sends us out.

The measureless task of 1939—in constructive, missionary, Kingdom-building and in evangelistic soul-winning of the lost—constitutes love's call for love's best. It challenges all of God's love, Christ's blood and the Holy Spirit's power.

Love costs. It costs tragically in motherhood, in wifehood, and its heaviest expense is in the unselfish service of Christ, for in that realm love must give its best and sacrifice its most. So the year ahead is love's call for love's best.

We are challenged this year for love

to concentrate in order to give its most vital powers to one great, primary, eternal objective—the winning of the multitudes to Christ. We have concentrated on campaigns for enlistment, for training, for education, for numbers, for money. Years ago we were all together for millions of money. Now, unitedly, all of our forces are calling for love's sake to concentrate on millions for Christ. Millions of better Baptists, more consecrated, more inspired and quickened, more loyal, more cooperative, but mainly more multitudes for Christ, who shall see Christ, find Christ, submit to Christ, take Christ, enthrone Christ in their hearts and lives!

We are called to concentrate in a revaluation of souls, to visit the cross of Christ and see in His dying blood the worth of souls and the price He paid for their redemption, and to follow Christ in the Heavenly task of becoming "fishers of men". We are called to concentrate on prayer, spiritual intercession, to concentrate on personal soul-winning. In every organization and with every vital personality among Baptists in the south, love is calling to concentrate on Pentecosts—Pentecosts that bring repentance, confession of sin, professions of Christ, obedience in baptism, and life's holy investment in consecrated service.

We must remember that love often has to suffer. Love has many tears on its trail of service and path of victory. God puts tears as vital essentials to triumph: "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again rejoicing, bringing

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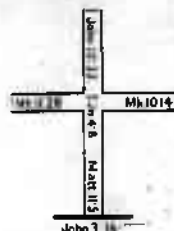
STEWARDSHIP SUGGESTIONS



Southwide Stewardship Chairman: Mrs. Carter Wright, Alabama

The W.M.U. and the BAPTIST HUNDRED THOUSAND CLUB

J. E. Dillard, S.B.C. Director of Promotion



I am deeply grateful for the privilege of expressing through *Royal Service* the sincere appreciation and thanks of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention for the gracious, substantial and continuous cooperation given by the W.M.U. in all the work of our denomination. In putting on and following up the Every Member Canvass, in observing the special days and seasons set apart in the Calendar of Denominational Activities and in promoting the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club for the payment of our debts the W.M.U. has set for all our organizations a high and holy example and has challenged our men to do something worthy our glorious cause and our great denomination.

The W.M.U. Went in at the Beginning

It is hard to think of the W.M.U. and not think of the B.H.T.C.; it is impossible to think of the B.H.T.C. without thinking of the W.M.U. The W.M.U. went in at the beginning of the Club. Already the W.M.U. was disturbed and distressed by our denominational debt situation. It was determined to do something about it. It had a plan of its own to relieve one of our boards but, when the distressing plight of all our agencies was laid before them and the B.H.T.C. plan was explained in detail, their Executive Committee graciously consented to adopt that plan as their own and immediately enlisted in its promotion. Officers and members of the W.M.U. and many of its organizations were among the very first to join and help in the successful launching of the Club. It could not have been done without their help.

The W.M.U. Has Stayed in Consistently

And the W.M.U. has stayed in and kept on working and praying. They have adopted sensible methods and urged all their organizations and members to help. They have urged every organization to have a part. They have suggested substantial memorial memberships for outstanding leaders. They have insisted that, where individuals felt they were not able to take an individual membership, two join and take one. They have suggested that circles and organizations take group memberships.

The result is that the W.M.U. has probably obtained and still has more than half of all the memberships in the Club. As a result the Club has raised nearly a million dollars, every cent of which has been paid upon denominational debts. It has strengthened our morale, reestablished our credit and helped every cause we have.

The W.M.U. Is Going to Stay in Till the Job Is Done

The W.M.U. is not composed of quitters and does not know the meaning of the word "fail". All over our southland the W.M.U. organizations are praying and preparing for a renewed effort in behalf of our debt-paying Club. They are

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HOTEL PLANS for BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE MEETING

Atlanta, Ga., July 22-28

Woman's Missionary Union has selected the Georgian Terrace Hotel as headquarters as may be desired by its members and their friends. Accordingly a star has been placed by this hotel's name in the following list, which has been supplied by the Committee on Housing, Baptist World Alliance meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, July 22-28, 1939.

In order that the greatest number of people may be comfortably accommodated, it is requested that application shall not be made for single occupancy of rooms. As the Committee on Housing does not wish to assume the responsibility of assigning strangers to the same room, applicants are requested to make their own arrangements for double occupancy.

If the preferred hotel is named, the Committee on Housing will comply with such requests as long as space is available at the designated hotel. Otherwise, assignment will be made where the accommodations requested are available.

There is no fixed date on which cancellations must be received. The Atlanta hotel people are very liberal in this respect and are not making any rigid rule. It is only fair, however, to give them notice of cancellations before the meeting of the Alliance in order that reserved accommodations may be released for others.

Requests for reservations will be acknowledged as received. But assignment of accommodations will not be made until shortly after January 1st.

Information concerning boarding houses etc. cannot be put out so far in advance. Such information will be available only a short while before the meeting.

Applications for reservations should be addressed to the Committee on Housing, 26 Cain Street, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia.

Hotel	Location	Price per Room		Bath
		Double Bed	Twin Beds	
Ansley	98 Forsyth St.	\$4.00-7.00	\$5.00-8.00	Yes
Atlanta Biltmore	817 W. Peachtree	4.50-6.50	5.00-7.00	Yes
Atlantian	Cone and Luckie	3.00-5.00	3.50-4.50	Yes
Briardiff	1050 Ponce de Leon	3.50-5.00	4.00-5.00	
Byron	552 W. Peachtree	1.00-1.50		
Colonial Terrace	2140 Peachtree	2.00-2.50		
Cox-Carlton	683 Peachtree	3.50-4.00	4.50-5.00	Yes
DeSoto	211 Ivy	3.50-4.00		
Fenwick	126 Ellis	1.50-2.00	2.00	
Five Fifty One	551 Ponce de Leon	2.75		Yes
Frances	343 Peachtree	1.50-2.00	3.00	
*GEORGIAN TERRACE	659 Peachtree	3.50-4.00	4.00-5.00	Yes
Gilbert	73 Pryor	2.00	2.50	Yes
Graham	304 W. Peachtree	2.00	2.50	Yes
Hampton	35 Houston	2.50		
Henry Grady	212 Peachtree	3.50-5.00	5.00-8.00	Yes
Imperial	355 Peachtree	3.00-3.50	3.50-4.00	Yes
Jefferson	Alabama and Pryor	2.50-3.00		
Kimball	33 Pryor	2.50-3.00	4.00	
Marion	67 Pryor	1.50-2.00		
Martiniere	155 Ivy	1.00-1.50		
Oliver	5 Houston	2.00-3.00		
Piedmont	Peachtree and Luckie	3.50-5.00	5.00	Yes
Princeton	211 Mitchell	1.75-2.25	1.75-2.25	
Ritz	103 Luckie	2.50-3.00	3.00	
Robert Fulton	Cone and Luckie	3.00-3.50	5.00-6.00	Yes
Scoville	225 Mitchell	1.50-2.50	2.50	
Stafford	154 Carnegie Way	1.50-2.00		
Tremont	192 Mitchell	2.00-2.50	2.00-2.50	
Wincoff	176 Peachtree	3.50-5.00	4.00-6.00	Yes
Worth	45½ Auburn	2.50-3.00	3.00	

Calendar of Prayer

January, 1939

Prepared by Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona

Oh God,
Great men and small have sought for Thee all through the ages,
In human faces and between-book pages,
They've delved beneath the earth and gazed into far spaces,
And they have found a part of Thee in all these places.
We thank Thee, God, that we can never fully comprehend Thee;
That there is always more of Thee for us to find.
We only pray, Oh Lord, for endless patience
To seek and delve for Thee with heart and mind.

—Katherine Zins

Topic: The Great Commission—Our Mission

1—SUNDAY

A Holy Spirit revival among southern Baptists in 1939
I will dwell in the high and holy place,
with men who are of a contrite and humble spirit.—Isa. 57:15

2—MONDAY

Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, president of W. M. U., Auxiliary to S. B. C.
The blessing of the Lord be upon you.
—Psa. 129:8

3—TUESDAY

Dr. Taylor, secretary for Latin-America, and Mrs. Taylor (Grace Clapp)—on furlough: also for Alfred B., Clara Brown and Laura Jean Taylor, Margaret Fund students
Behold, God is mine helper.—Psa. 54:4

4—WEDNESDAY

Miss Kathleen Mallory, managing editor, and other editors of *Revel Service*
In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works.—Titus 2:7

5—THURSDAY

Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Bagby (Ann Luther), Mrs. S. L. Gimbury (Emma Martin), and Mrs. A. B. Langston (Louise Dwight), emeritus missionaries from Brazil
The steps of a good man are honored of the Lord.—Psa. 37:23

6—FRIDAY

Dr. McCall, superintendent of Cuban work, and Mrs. McCall (Mabel Clare Lipscomb); also for Mrs. Moseley and Miss Mildred Matthews, evangelistic workers, Havana, Cuba
Is anything too hard for God?
—Isa. 46:10

7—SATURDAY

Miss Juliette Mather, editor of *The Window of Y.W.A.* and *World Comrades*; also for other editors working with her
It is the spirit that quickeneth.
—John 6:63

8—SUNDAY

Pray that southern Baptists may grow in the grace of giving.
For God loveth a cheerful giver.
—II Cor. 9:7

9—MONDAY

Annual meeting of W. M. U. of Florida, First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, Jan. 16-17
Let brotherly love continue.—Heb. 13:1

10—TUESDAY

Dr. Green, secretary for Nigeria, and Mrs. Green (Lydia Williams); also for Dorothy Green, Margaret Fund student
Let not your heart be troubled.
—John 14:1

11—WEDNESDAY

Misses Hannah F. Saline, on furlough; Rose Marlowe, "Little Mae" Hundley and Lorena Tilford, educational work, Shanghai, China
The Lord is my rock and my fortress.
—Psa. 18:2

12—THURSDAY

W. M. U. officers and other members of the Executive Committee
The Lord taketh pleasure in His people.
—Psa. 149:4

13—FRIDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Pucciarelli (May Du-pree), and Miss Bertha Wallis, evangelistic work among Italians, Birmingham, Ala.
But Thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion.—Psa. 86:15

Calendar of Prayer for January

14—SATURDAY

Dr. and Mrs. R. T. Bryan (*Mamie Sollee*), and Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Lawton (*Ide Deavers*), emeritus missionaries from China
And now, brethren, I commend you to God.—Acts 20:32

15—SUNDAY

S.B.C. Boards, secretaries, promotional agencies and kindred interests
O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
—Rom. 11:33

16—MONDAY

Dr. Rankin, secretary for the orient, and Mrs. Rankin (*Valeria Green*); also for Miss Lucy Smith, secretarial work, Shanghai, China
My soul shall make her boast in the Lord.—Psa. 147:2

17—TUESDAY

All state W.M.U. secretaries, committee chairmen and W.M.U. workers
For Thou art great and doest wondrous things: Thou alone art God.—Psa. 86:10

18—WEDNESDAY

Dr. and Mrs. Newbrough and Mr. and Mrs. Beasley, Rescue Mission, New Orleans, La.
We will not forsake the house of our God.—Neh. 10:39

19—THURSDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dozier (*Mary Ellen Wiley*)—on furlough—and Mrs. C. K. Dozier (*Maudie Burke*), educational work, Fukuohe, Japan
Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.—James 2:17

20—FRIDAY

Dr. and Mrs. Pook (*Elizabeth Reuth*), Ogdomoso, and Misses Isabelle Moore and Ethel Harmon, Ibadan, Africa, educational and evangelistic work
In the beginning was the Word.
—John 1:1

21—SATURDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Bell, and Mr. and Mrs. Gonzales, educational work among Mexicans, Baptist Institute, Bastrop, Tex.
Yea, the Lord shall give that which is good.—Psa. 85:12

22—SUNDAY

The Great Commission to become a personal commission to each southern Baptist
Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.—Ex. 20:8

23—MONDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Quarles (*Helen Taylor*), publishing, evangelistic and W.M.U. work; also for Miss Vada Waldron, educational work, Godoy Cruz, Argentina
All nations whom Thou hast made shall come and worship before Thee, O Lord.
—Psa. 86:9

24—TUESDAY

Misses Willie Kelly, Cynthia Miller, Mary Moorman, Elizabeth Rea, emeritus missionaries from China
We love Him because He first loved us.
—1 John 4:19

25—WEDNESDAY

Mr. Lee, at Murphy, and Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald, Cherokee, N. C., missionaries to Indians
Faith cometh by hearing.—Rom. 10:17

26—THURSDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson (*Mina Garrett*) and on furlough Mr. and Mrs. Hamlett (*Lottie Spinkhouse*), evangelistic workers, Wushu, China; also for Peter Hamlett, Margaret Fund student
But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved.
—Acts 15:11

27—FRIDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Parker (*Leah Carter*) and Mr. and Mrs. Atencio, Spanish-American evangelistic workers, Albuquerque, N. M.
They shall prosper that love Thee.
—Psa. 122:6

28—SATURDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Moore (*Mary Pinner*), and Misses Agnes Graham and Ann Lester, educational work, Temuco, Chile; also for Robert Moore, Margaret Fund student
The Lord is righteous.—Psa. 129:4

29—SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Stein (*Mildred Bollinger*), and Mr. and Mrs. Ramirez, workers among foreigners, East St. Louis, Ill.
I am debtor both to the Greeks and to the barbarians.—Rom. 1:14

30—MONDAY

Mid-year meeting of W.M.U. Executive Committee and state corresponding secretaries, Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 30-Feb. 1
Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.—Psa. 150:6

31—TUESDAY

W.M.U. Training School, Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, principal, the Board, faculty and students, Louisville, Kentucky
And let us also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses.
—Titus 3:14

Attended W.M.U. Training School
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FAMILY ALTAR

Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

TOPIC: The GREAT COMMISSION—OUR MISSION

Matt. 28:19, 20 (R. V.)

"The love of God provides
A feast for every one;
A feast of Gospel grace
Through Christ His Son.

"Go Ye"

1st Day—Matt. 28:16-20
2nd Day—II Kings 17:27, 28
3rd Day—Acts 13:2-4, 47
4th Day—Jonah 3:1-9
5th Day—Mark 16:15
6th Day—I Chron. 16:23, 24
7th Day—Luke 24:45-53

"And Pilate Gave Sentence"

8th Day—Luke 22:1-13
9th Day—Luke 22:14-23
10th Day—Luke 22:24-37
11th Day—Luke 22:38-62
12th Day—Luke 22:63-70
13th Day—Luke 23:1-24
14th Day—Luke 23:25-46

"The feast is ready now,
O hear the Savior's call;
No price have we to pay,
He paid it all".

"And It Came to Pass"

15th Day—Luke 23:47-56
16th Day—Luke 24:1-12
17th Day—Luke 24:13-27
18th Day—Luke 24:28-35
19th Day—Luke 24:36-44
20th Day—Mark 14:1, 2, 12-28
21st Day—Mark 14:27-43

"Come Thou"

22nd Day—Gen. 7:1
23rd Day—Psa. 86:9
24th Day—Isa. 66:1
25th Day—Matt. 11:28
26th Day—Mark 1:17
27th Day—John 7:37
28th Day—Acts 16:9
29th Day—John 12:36
30th Day—Rev. 22:17
31st Day—Heb. 4:16

"Pray Ye"

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

Resolving to be much in prayer throughout the new year

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

Remember especially the Southwide Baptist Revival, emphasizing humility of all believers, personal evangelism, family altars, revival in every church.
Pray for all W.M.U. work in your church—officers and committees of society; counselors of W.M.U. young people; efforts to be A-1 and to increase number of tithers. (See pages 33-36.)

Intercede for those responsible for preparing for March Week of Prayer for Home Missions, February 27-March 5 inclusive.

Pray that 1939 Annie W. Armstrong Offering may far exceed its \$125,000 goal by the leading of God's Spirit.

Pray that gleanings may be carefully made and promptly forwarded for 1938 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Intercede for God's "good success" in special emphasis upon Baptist Hundred Thousand Club. (See page 7.)





BIBLE STUDY



Ells Broadus Robertson, Kentucky

DOING the WILL of GOD
Matt. 6:10; 7:21; Lu. 6:46; Mk. 3:35

DR. ARTHUR GORDON said to the Seminary students at Louisville: "Why do we nearly always speak of the will of God as a dark shadow into which we must enter, and not rather as a great rushing tide into which we are privileged to throw our wills and all that is in us, to help bring in God's Kingdom?"

For notice: "Thy will be done" follows immediately "Thy Kingdom come" and is followed by the joyful words, "as in Heaven, so on earth" (R. V.) Of course there is a reason for our misrepresentation. We think Christ in Gethsemane approached nearest to our struggles to submit, to say, "Thy will, not mine be done". But what do we know of Gethsemane, even those of us who are most "acquainted with grief"? The consciousness, "I came not to do Mine own will, but the will of Him who sent Me", was a buoyant strength in the life of Jesus. And when do we approach Him? When we hear His commands and obey them; when we stand on that mountain in Galilee and hear Him say: "All authority is given unto Me in Heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations"—and then exert ourselves to do that very thing, to go, to send a beloved child, to maintain a representative of our own, to do really all we can to discipline the nations.

Again, if we take our place on that other Mount and hear the matchless Sermon: "Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness. Let your light shine before men, that they may glorify your Father who is in Heaven. Love your enemies. Be reconciled to thy brother. Be not anxious for your life, what ye shall eat—is not life more than meat? Judge not, that ye be not judged. As ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them". And then the warning of the danger of hearing and not doing—our pretty house of words swept away in a flood!

These things too are the will of God. Do they not call us to stop looking at the trials life has brought us, and gaze instead at the poor quality of our inward life and the weakness of our witness and our service?

Adoniram Judson said: "Jesus went about doing good. It is not enough for us to stay and do good. We must go and do good". Jesus Himself said that if we share with Him the doing of God's will we are His brothers and sisters, in a tie closer than blood.

Annie Johnson Flint thus expressed it in the *S. S. Times*:

"His will be done", we say with sighs and trembling,
Expecting trial, bitter loss and tears;
And then how doth He answer us with blessings.
In sweet rebuking of our faithless fears!

God's will is peace and plenty and the power
To be and have the best that He can give,
A mind to serve Him and a heart to love Him,
The faith to die with and the strength to live.

It means for us all good, all grace, all glory,
His Kingdom coming and on earth begun.
Why should we fear to say: "His will—His righteous,
His tender, loving, joyous will—be done?"

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BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES



Miss Isabelle Coleman, Virginia

SUGGESTIONS

For circles assembling for supper, place by every plate a tiny candle (colored gum-drop with mint "life-saver" for the handle and a birthday candle stuck in the center). By these candles place tiny, miniature books made of construction paper. Title: *B.W.C. 1939*. Contents: *The Great Commission, Circle Officers, Matthew 5:14-16; Dates to Remember: Monthly Projects for Service* etc., according to the local plans for the new year.

On a table at front of room place two tall candles on each side of a globe of the world. In front of the globe, place the opened Book.

A Surprising Reply—Frequent is the request for the figure representing the grand total of all of the southern Baptist missionaries sent to other lands since the organization of the Foreign Mission Board in 1845. The following itemized record may surprise some who would readily guess that several thousand messengers have gone forth to represent southern Baptists during these ninety-three years in

Africa	115	China	527	Hungary	3	Spain	2
Argentina	43	Japan	61	Italy	13	Yugoslavia	1
Brazil	196	Mexico	92	Rumania	9	Uruguay	3
Chile	21	Palestine	11	Russia	1		
							Total
							1,098

A Two-Fold Emphasis for 1939—In perfect harmony and with doubled emphasis do the Convention major, *Evangelism*, and the W.M.U. annual theme, *The Great Commission*, call to every Baptist woman's heart as she faces the New Year. So synonymous and identical are their appeals that the alert B.W.C. will focus her heart's attention not only on the needs beyond the seas, but she will also telescope her immediate environs with microscopic earnestness. Already this New Year call is receiving active response among busy business women as they look at the girl at the next desk, across the hall, at the opposite machine, in the room above, and ask: "Is she saved? Has anyone ever asked her to accept Jesus?"

After studying *For This Cause* one night last autumn, one business girl arose at six o'clock the next morning and drove into the country before her working hours began, in order that she might win a friend to Christ. Realizing that the eternal plan of God is that none shall be lost but that all shall be saved, she had a new consciousness of her responsibility to God, to her friend and to the whole world, and she responded immediately.

May 1939 record a greater glow of light flowing forth from the witness of busy B.W.C. girls fulfilling anew *The Great Commission*.

TOPIC: THE GREAT COMMISSION—To Carry the Light of the Gospel

Meditation Moments: (Softly) "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Words from the Book: Matt. 6:10; 7:21; Lu. 6:46; Mk. 3:35 (Page 12)

Silent Prayer

Watchword for 1939: "The Love of Christ Constrains Us" (Pages 4, 6)

Hymn for 1939: "I Love to Tell the Story"

—Business

Announcer: "The New Year and a New Theme" (Page 15)

Narrator: "The Great Commission and the Cross" (Page 16)

Quartette: "The Light of the World Is Jesus"

Narrator: "The Great Commission and Missions" (Page 18)

Hymn: "Send the Light"

Narrator: "The Great Commission and the W.M.U." (Page 19)

Quartette: "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning" —Prayer for All the World

Narrator: "The Great Commission and Personal Service" (Page 20)

Hymn: "Another Year Is Dawning"

Narrator: "What Shall This Year Be?" (Page 22)

Meditation Moments (Violin Softly): "Have Thine Own Way", "Take My Life and Let It Be", "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" —Prayer.

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PROGRAM PLANS



Mrs. T. M. Pittman, North Carolina

With the PROGRAM COMMITTEE

If the followers of our Lord had never received the direct commission from Him—"Go ye . . . make disciples of all nations"—is there anything in His example that would convey this charge? Did He reach out to any beyond His own Jewish nation?

The Program Committee would do well to read and think over the following incidents in the life of our Savior: Ministry to a Roman, Luke 7:2-10; Ministry to a Samaritan, John 4:9; Ministry to a Syrophoenician, Mark 7:25-30; Ministry to Mixed Multitudes, Luke 6:17-; Mark 3:7-11. Other references may come in the study, but these are sufficient to prove the example Jesus set. He ministered to the physical and spiritual needs of those of other nationalities than His own. In the case of the woman of Samaria, His convert became a missionary to her own people. The Roman centurion and the Syrophoenician woman showed an understanding of the spirit of the Master that He had not found among His own people. Travelers from the coast of Tyre and Sidon received the healing touch just as did the Jewish multitude with which they mingled.

The Great Commission was the culmination, the summing up of the teaching and the daily example Jesus gave His followers. After the year of great activity in our Jubilee celebration, it is fitting that we should increasingly emphasize the great principle upon which our mission work rests—namely, the Great Commission.

The leader of the program might begin the meeting by asking every woman

present to answer the questions, silently, in her own heart: Why do I contribute to missions? Why do I belong to a missionary society? Has this work done anything in building up my own Christian life? The affirmative reply to this last question will give an answer to the argument of some women: "You just want my money. I will give that but not attend the meetings". Miss Heck often said: "If I did not know that this work for missions would do more for the women than they do for it, I could not urge them to sacrifice so for the cause". It is the Savior's own plan for developing and strengthening His people.

After the women have silently answered the above questions, let someone make a talk using the material through "The Great Commission and Missions". This must be condensed but the outline made clear. The first paragraph of "The Great Commission and the Cross" should be used in whole. Then add in brief form the outline "All Authority, All Nations, All Things, Always", adding thoughts from "The Great Commission and Missions". (Pages 16-18)

A talk, "The Great Commission and the W.M.U.", may begin at the second paragraph and continue through "The Great Commission and Personal Service". The attractive exercise, "What Shall This Year Be", could be arranged with little trouble. It will give parts on the program to women, who will not make talks, and be an impressive close to the meeting. Be sure to use the benediction on page 23. See also pages 19-23.



PROGRAM for JANUARY



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. Crenshaw, Tennessee

THEME for YEAR: The GREAT COMMISSION—OUR MISSION

TOPIC for MONTH: The GREAT COMMISSION—OUR MISSION

—Matt. 28:19, 20 (R. V.)

Hymn—All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Bible Study—Doing the Will of God—Matt. 6:10; 7:21; Luke 6:46 (Page 12)

Prayer that we may do the will of God through this year

Hymn—Have Thine Own Way

—A New Year and a New Theme

The Great Commission and the Cross

Hymn—When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

The Great Commission and Missions —The Great Commission and the W.M.U.

W.M.U. Watchword for Year—The love of Christ constraineth us.—II Cor. 5:14

W.M.U. Song for Year—I Love to Tell the Story

Prayer that through this year love of Christ may constrain us to do our best to tell the story of Jesus and His love to all nations

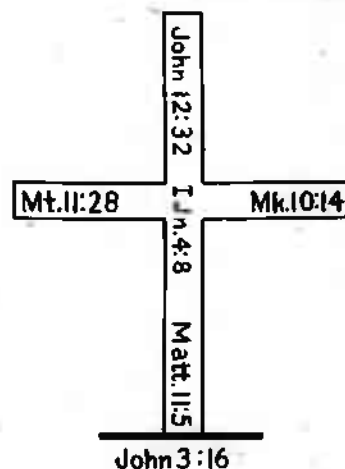
The Great Commission and Personal Service

Prayer that we will fill the year with personal service done for the glory of Jesus and the extension of His Kingdom

What Shall This Year Be?

—Benediction (See page 23.)

A NEW YEAR and a NEW THEME



The Golden Year is gone and we stand on the threshold of a new year and a new epoch. Entering a new year is always a thrilling experience. Each new year is an open book through which we enter to explore a house full of unknown rooms. It is a clean page in the book of life on which we will write the experiences of twelve months of living. It brings new hopes, new dreams, new resolutions—promises of a whole year of new experiences and new opportunities.

This year is one of special significance to us because it marks the beginning of a new epoch in W.M.U. history. One half century of glorious achievements has passed. Our Golden Jubilee has been celebrated with great rejoicing and many activities. We have had

Golden hours and golden days,
Golden pageants and golden plays,
Golden poems and golden lays,
Golden trumpets in golden praise.
Golden year festivities,
Golden banquets and golden teas,
Golden mottoes in golden lines,
Golden posters in gold designs,
Golden gifts and golden prayers!
These many Golden Year affairs
Have made the year for you and me
A glorious Golden Jubilee.

And now we are starting on another half century of W.M.U. history. There is a danger that after the unusual activities of the Golden Jubilee Year there shall be a let down in our work. But surely the thrill of entering a new epoch should keep anything of that kind from happening. We should enter this new year with hopes not only for the immediate year but for the many years which lie out before us. We should resolve to make this year not only itself one of great achievements but also the beginning of another half century of W.M.U. work which shall far exceed the victorious half century just completed.

Our new year brings us a new program theme: "The Great Commission--Our Mission". Surely a more appropriate, a more challenging theme could not have been chosen for this year, beginning a new epoch, than this one which refers to the last command of Jesus to His followers. We speak of it as a new theme, and yet it is as old as missions, as old as the New Testament. It was the message of this theme that inspired the organization of our W.M.U. fifty-one years ago. The message of this theme has been the dynamic power behind all that has been accomplished in W.M.U. history for fifty years. Yet it is this old theme which we adopt as a new theme for the programs of this year beginning another half century of W.M.U. work. We find its message still new, still dynamic, still challenging. As we study this theme this year we are going to see how our W. M. U. Chief Aims grow out of the message of the Great Commission and how southern Baptists are carrying out the Great Commission on state, home and foreign fields.

Come, Glad New Year, we await
The opportunities you bring
With eager minds and hearts.
The challenge of a program theme.
That's new and yet so old,
Calls forth our interest and foretells
A year of program study to inspire
Our hearts and lead us forth
To other years, made golden
By our glad obedience to
The Great Commission of our Lord.

The GREAT COMMISSION and the CROSS

THE women who brought to the disciples the first message of the risen Christ told them that Jesus would meet them in Galilee. So to Galilee, where they had shared so many experiences with Jesus, they went; and there on a mountain, which Jesus had appointed, they met Him who had died on the cross and had conquered the grave. Surely, their souls were thrilled to see Him whom they had thought to be dead. Surely their whole beings were suffused with a wondering awe as they met Him whom they had seen dead and buried, but who now

walked among them again. What would He say to them? Would He have a task for them to do? Would He now establish the Kingdom which they had expected before His death? With wondering, eager hearts they listened to His words. Yes, He had a task for them to do—the greatest task ever given to human beings. Yes, He would establish the Kingdom—a great everlasting, spiritual Kingdom, and they were to be the instruments through which that Kingdom was to come. Yes, He was giving them a great command, a great task, a great privilege, a great commission. "All authority hath been given unto Me in Heaven and on earth. Go ye, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world".

There is significance in the fact that Jesus did not give the Great Commission until after the cross. Back of the Great Commission stands the cross. He went to Calvary before He issued His supreme and final command. It is the cross that gives the Commission its meaning, its power and its challenge.

"All Authority"—Because Jesus went to the cross He had all power to save, all authority to command. Of course as God, equal with the Father, all power belonged originally and essentially to Jesus; but as the God Man and mediator between men and the Father, all power for the salvation of a lost world was given to Him only after His death on the cross. Of course Jesus had power in His life—power to forgive sins, power to work miracles: but this "all power" of redemption came only through the lifted cross and the empty tomb. Paul connected the death and resurrection of Jesus with His "investiture with this sovereign power" in the following words: "Became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross; wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him and given Him a name which is above every name". Peter expressed the same thought in these words: "Who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory". Again we read in Hebrews: "We see Jesus crowned with glory and honor for the suffering of death". In these and many other Scriptures the glory and power of Jesus are associated with His sufferings on the cross. "The hands that were pierced with the nails wield the scepter of the universe, and on brows that were wounded and bleeding with the crown of thorns are wreathed the many crowns of universal Kingdom". (MacLaren)

Because Jesus went to the cross all authority was given to Him in Heaven and on earth. In Heaven He had the power of dominion over the angels and of intercession with God the Father. On earth He had power among men because "having prevailed with God by the sacrifice of the atonement" He was able to save men from their sins. In this power of the cross He gave the Great Commission with the assurance that all the power of the universe was His. This authority places Jesus in the center of our missionary program. "Jesus Christ is the all sufficient reason for missions; world needs are the occasion".

"All Nations"—Because of the power of the cross the followers of Jesus were to go and make disciples of all nations. The message which they were to take to the nations was that of a cross—of a Savior dying on the cross for the salvation of all people. Because they had been bought by His blood they were to carry the message of that blood to others. Without the cross there could have been no Great Commission because there would have been no message of salvation for the disciples to carry to the nations. But because of the cross they had a message, a message of power to save all people of all nations.

And the Great Commission told them not only to make disciples of all nations, but also they were to baptize those who believed. That baptism itself was to be a picture of the message of the cross, for the believer was to be buried

in the water—a picture of Jesus buried after His death on the cross, then raised out of the water as Jesus was raised from the dead. Jesus was establishing a Kingdom, and He commissioned His disciples to win all nations as His subjects; He was setting up a school, and they were to enroll all nations as His scholars; He was raising an army for the carrying on of the war against the powers of darkness—they were to enlist the nations of the earth under His banner.

"All Things"—Even after the Gospel had been given unto all nations and after all believers had been baptized the work of those commissioned was not finished. They were to go on teaching those baptized believers to observe all things which Christ had commanded. The believers were to be taught to observe—or to carry out in their lives—all of the commands of Jesus, all of His ordinances, all of His rules for Christian living. These commands were of such a nature as to fit all people of all nations and of all times. They were not to be changed or adjusted, not to be added to or subtracted from. Those who were to carry the Gospel to all nations were to teach all believers to observe all of these things.

"Always"—And this Jesus, who had died for the salvation of all nations and who had risen from the grave, promised to be with those who obeyed the Great Commission *always*—or, as the Greek gives it, "All the days". They were not to go powerless and alone, but Jesus, who had all authority in Heaven and in earth, was to go with them always to all places. What a wonderful promise! What a wonderful assurance! They could not hesitate to obey such a command with such an assurance of the continued presence of Him who was all powerful.

Down the centuries the words of the Great Commission come to us with the same urgency, the same power, the same challenge, the same promise that it had when it first fell on the ears of the disciples on that Galilean mountain. All of us who have been saved by the cross must carry the message of the cross to others. We who have been bought by the blood of Christ must share the power of that blood with all nations. There is no escaping the command of the Great Commission. All Christians worthy of the name must obey it. The command is the greatest ever given to man, and to obey it means to claim the greatest promise ever given to man—the constant presence of Jesus. Happy the man—or woman—who obeys the command and claims the promise!

The GREAT COMMISSION and MISSIONS

THE Great Commission is the chief reason for missions—the great motive power behind all missionary work. If it had not been for this direct command of Jesus the Gospel would never have traveled far from Jerusalem. But this command—so direct, so impossible of misunderstanding, so all powerful, so all comprehensive, so all compelling, so everlasting in its meaning—just had to be obeyed.

It took those who first heard the Great Commission a long time to realize the full significance of its meaning. It took persecution to drive them out from Jerusalem in order that they might go everywhere preaching the Word. It took the vision of the unclean animals made clean to show Peter that all people of all nations, and not just the Jews of all nations, were to be given the Gospel. Paul had to be called as a special messenger to the gentiles before the Jewish churches could be convinced of the universality of the Gospel message, and even then a lot of argument and a lot of proof were necessary for the Jewish Christians to be convinced that the Gospel was for others than Jews. And the early missionaries were content to preach the Gospel only in Asia, until a vision called Paul into another continent. Thus by gradual steps the early disciples learned that the Gospel was to be preached on all continents to all people of all nations, and then it was that a real missionary program carrying out the whole meaning of the Great Commission was inaugurated.

That first missionary work, motivated by the Great Commission, continued for a few centuries, carrying the Gospel to most of the known earth. Then formalism, ceremonialism, false ideas of the sacraments and of church government gradually entered the church, robbing it of its spiritual power and its missionary conduct. The evangelistic meaning of the Great Commission was lost, and for centuries Christian missions were almost unknown.

Then came William Carey, again finding the real meaning of the Great Commission. While cobbling shoes he studied the Great Commission on the one hand and the map of the world on the other, connecting the two as he returned to the only possible interpretation of the command of Jesus—a Gospel given to a whole world. The urgency of this command moved him out to become the first great missionary of modern times and the beginning of the modern missionary movement. After Carey came the Judsons, Newells, Luther Rice, the Shucks, Lottie Moon and the never ending line of those who read in the Great Commission their mission to save a lost world.

What is missions? It is the Great Commission in action. It is obedience to this last command of Jesus. It is all disciples believing in the all power of Jesus going to all nations to preach all the Gospel to all people, baptizing all believers, teaching them to observe all things, conscious of the presence of Jesus always.

The Great Commission is our mission. It is our marching orders. It is our plan of campaign. It is our assurance of victory. Obeying its commands, millions of dollars have been spent and thousands of lives have been given. As long as there are unsaved multitudes in the world more millions must be spent and more lives must be given. Without the Great Commission there would be no work for the church, no service for the Christian and no reason for missions. Indeed without the Great Commission and the power of the cross behind the Great Commission there would be no missions, no churches, no Christians, for Christianity would have passed away centuries ago.

The Great Commission is our mission and the reason for missions.

The GREAT COMMISSION and the W.M.U.

THE W.M.U. was organized over fifty years ago with the one purpose of providing a medium through which southern Baptist women could carry out the Great Commission. It was the power in the words of this last command of our Lord that moved our women to come together in the formation of an organization for the purpose of obeying those words. Our W.M.U. has been a missionary organization from the very beginning. Through all the years of our history the Great Commission has been our mission. And as we face another period of W.M.U. work the Great Commission is still our mission. We exist today for the one purpose of obeying the missionary command of our Lord.

All of our W.M.U. ideals, all of our aims, all of our activities are centered in the one great purpose of obeying the Great Commission. Do we pray? Yes, for the salvation of the lost around the world. Do we study the Bible? Yes, to find on every page God's redemptive purpose in Christ Jesus. Do we study missions? Yes, that we might see the importance of giving the Gospel to all nations. Do we engage in personal service? Yes, that we might be missionaries in our own communities. Do we pay tithes and give offerings? Yes, that with our money we might give the Gospel to all nations. Do we work to enlist other women in W.M.U.? Yes, that there may be more people obeying the Great Commission. Do we give missionary education to young people? Yes, that in the days of their youth and on through their lives they may be busy at the task of giving the Gospel to all nations.

The permanent watchword of W.M.U., "Laborers together with God", connects itself with the Great Commission in a wonderful way. When we obey the Great Commission we are laborers together with God, working with Him in His great mission of spreading throughout the world the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ.

Our new watchword for this year is a beautiful interpretation of the Great Commission, "The love of Christ constraineth us". Because Christ loves us and because we love Him we are constrained to obey His Great Commission, thus sharing His love with all nations.

Our hymn for the year, "I Love to Tell the Story", is a beautiful expression of our joy in obeying the Great Commission. We love to tell the story of Jesus and His love to those of all nations who have never heard.

Our W.M.U. pin is a beautiful picture of our obedience to the Great Commission. Its shape expresses our belief in Jesus Christ as God's Son, the Savior, and its design suggests our aim to give His Word to the whole world.

The W.M.U. and the Great Commission! They go together! May the members of our Union never forget their working orders. As "the love of Christ constrains" them may they continue to be "laborers together with God" as they go to tell the story of His love to all nations, thus obeying the Great Commission.

The GREAT COMMISSION and PERSONAL SERVICE

PERSONAL service is the beginning of obedience to the Great Commission.

One statement of Jesus' last commission to His disciples commanded that as they went to give the Gospel to the whole world they should begin at Jerusalem. Personal service is beginning at Jerusalem. It is Christ-like living in one's own community. It is practical Christianity. It is being a missionary at home. Personal service is doing the same kind of missionary work that Jesus did. He never went very far away from the place of His birth, but in His own community "He went about doing good".

See Him as around He went,
On deeds of personal service bent;
Going here and going there
To visit those in need of care.
See the things He gave away—
Trays—five thousand in one day!
Bibles, books? His every word
Became a book to those who heard.
Flowers? No need if He were there,
The Lily of the Valley fair!
Garments? To those who would confess
He gave a robe of righteousness.
And see His ministrations kind,
And how He healed the sick and blind.
And hear again His conversation
With many lost about salvation—
With busy fishers by the sea,
With rich Zacchaeus in the tree,
With Nicodemus, come by night,
The rich young ruler, seeking light,
The sinful woman by the well,
With all who came their woes to tell.
Remember how at last He gave
His very life, the lost to save.

Plans—Woman's Missionary Union has two forms of personal service, individual and directed. When an individual woman sees some need in her community and responds to that need in the name of Jesus that is individual personal service. Nobody tells her to do it and she need never report to anybody that she has done it. It is just the love of her heart for Jesus and for "His little ones" expressing itself in beautiful deeds of personal service. There is no higher form of personal service than this. Every member of W.M.U. organizations should do much of this type of personal service. But the personal service committee of the missionary society does not need to direct this kind of personal service and no report of it is made, unless perchance one's own society wants to know about it.

Directed personal service is that under the direction of the society's personal service committee. Where there are circles there is a personal service chairman in each circle; these, together with the general chairman, compose the personal service committee of the society. The duties of this committee are threefold: first, they study the community for needs and opportunities for personal service; second, they plan and assign the personal service work; third, they receive the reports of the work done and bring this report to the business session of the society and report for the society to the associational personal service chairman.

This directed type of personal service is valuable because it makes the work definite. A committee especially assigned to this task and giving their best thought to it will find needs and opportunities for personal service that individuals would never find. When a survey of the community is made and the work is planned and assigned in a definite, organized way, there is assurance that the needs will be met and the work will be done with no overlapping. Moreover, there are many forms of personal service which can be done better by groups than by individuals. Through directed personal service Good Will Centers, mission Sunday schools, cottage prayer meetings, Christian services in institutions, as well as other forms of personal service requiring group cooperation can be conducted.

Assignments for personal service may be made in different ways. Sometimes a personal service committee at the beginning of the year outlines the personal service work of the society for the whole year, placing in a year book the special form of personal service for each month. Then, as each month comes, the circles are given a definite part of the personal service for that month as their assigned work. Some societies carry on several forms of personal service work all through the year, assigning to the circles month by month the different forms of personal service in which the society is engaging. In very small societies where there are no circles the assignments have to be made to the group as a whole or to individuals. Any plan is good whereby the needs of the community are met and the women are given some definite personal service work to do. **Problems**—Sometimes women claim as a personal service problem the difficulty of finding in their community forms of personal service to engage the activity of the members of the society. We can hardly believe that this problem really exists. Surely every community has its opportunity for personal service if only the personal service committee will study the situation and be alert to discover the needs and to plan the work. Every community has needy groups which should be ministered to. If you have no foreigners, perhaps you have the Negroes near by. If you have no Negroes, perhaps there are Jews and you can become "Friends of Israel" as you try to reach them with the Gospel. If you have no Jews, perhaps there is an illiterate group that you can enlist in a class for adult education. If there are no illiterates, surely there are poor people to

whom you can minister. If there are no "down and outs", perhaps there are some "up and outs" needing your loving ministration. If there is no hospital, perhaps there is a prison you can visit. If there is no prison, surely there are cottages in which prayer meetings can be held. Visiting is one of the most valuable forms of personal service, and every community affords visiting opportunities. We can visit the sick, the strangers, the needy, the sorrowing. We can visit to get pupils in the Sunday school, to enlist members for the B.T.U. and to enlist women and young people in W.M.U. organizations. Through personal service the missionary society can become the pastor's most able assistant, carrying the ministrations of the church into every corner of the community. There are always things which can be given away—flowers to the sick, magazines to shut-ins, Bibles to Sunday school children, baskets of food to the poor. Surely there should be no problem about finding opportunities for personal service.

A more serious problem, perhaps, is the matter of reporting and yet that should be no problem when once the plan of reporting is understood. We no longer report individual personal service, one good reason being that it is a type of service too personal for women to want to report. Moreover the lives of our women should be so full of that type of personal service that it would be impossible to report it all. So our plan is that only the directed—the assigned—personal service should be reported. And the report is made not of the number of things done but of the number of women engaging in the different assignments of personal service. For illustration: we report not the number of baskets given to the poor but the number of women who helped to fill the baskets; not the number of visits made, but the number of women visiting; not the number of cottage prayer meetings held, but the number of women helping to promote the cottage prayer meetings. Surely this is the simple, sensible and Christian way to report personal service.

Purpose—The ultimate aim and purpose of all personal service is that souls may be won to Christ and that the name of Jesus may be glorified in our own communities. Not every form of personal service can be used as a direct means of winning the lost, but every form should be done in the name of and in the spirit of Jesus, thereby preparing the way for definite evangelistic work when the opportunity comes. The purpose of personal service is the purpose of the Great Commission, the purpose of all Christian work. Through personal service we are linking hands with our missionaries, doing in our own communities the same work that we send them to the mission fields to do. We send them to minister to the sick and needy that souls may be won to Christ. We can do the same. We send them to visit in the homes of people, telling the story of Jesus. We can do the same. We send them to hold evangelistic services among needy groups. We can do the same. We send them to live such beautiful Christian lives of loving service that people will be drawn to their Christ. We can do the same. Through our gifts and our prayers we can send missionaries to all nations—through personal service we can be missionaries to those of all nations in our own land, thus having a personal part in obeying the Great Commission.

"If you cannot cross the ocean,
And far mission lands explore,
You can find the needy nearer,
You can help them at your door".

WHAT SHALL THIS YEAR BE?

Leader (Holding up a large placard on which is printed "1939")—Last year was a Golden Year, made golden by Jubilee rejoicing over half a century of W.M.U.

achievements and by special victories won in celebration of the Golden Jubilee. As we start the new year we are asking the question, "What shall this year be?" The year 1938 was clothed in garments of gold. With what colors shall we clothe the year 1939?

(Those taking the following parts may represent them either by wearing robes in the color suggested or by carrying ribbon or paper streamers which they fasten to the placard held by the leader as they end their talks. Each one enters as her time comes and after speaking they stand on either side of the leader, three on one side and three on the other until the end of the program.)

White—I would like to make this a white year, white with cleanness of thought and purity of life. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God".

Soloist—(Second verse of "Have Thine Own Way")

Blue—I would like to make this a blue year, with the true blue of loyalty. May we be loyal to our W.M.U., loyal to our church, loyal to our Master! "Moreover, it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful".

Soloist—(Chorus of "Loyalty to Christ")

Green—I would like to make this a green year, green with growth not only as we enlist others in missionary service but also as we grow in our own lives more like the Master. "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ".

Soloist—(First verse of "More Like the Master")

Red—I would like to make this a red year, red with sacrificial living. As Jesus shed His blood for our salvation may we offer ourselves a living sacrifice in His service. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God to present your bodies a living sacrifice".

Soloist—(First verse of "I Gave My Life for Thee")

Lavender—I would like to make this a lavender year, the color of Woman's Missionary Union, as we strive with renewed zeal to attain high goals in all the Chief Aims of W.M.U.—in Prayer, Enlistment, Study, Personal Service, Tithes and Offerings and Missionary Education of Young People. "I press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus".

Soloist—(First verse of W.M.U. hymn for year)

Gold—I would like to make this, too, a year of gold. If this year is white with purity, blue with loyalty, green with growth, red with sacrificial living and lavender with W.M.U. ideals then will it also be a golden year for Woman's Missionary Union—golden with service and achievement in the Master's name. "Laborers together with God".

(All join soloist in singing last verse of W.M.U. hymn.)

BENEDICTION

Leader—Obedience to the Great Commission will make this year all that it should be for our W.M.U. work and for our individual lives. As a pledge to make this year white with purity, blue with loyalty, green with growth, red with sacrificial living, lavender with W.M.U. ideals and golden with obedience to the Great Commission let us stand and read together the benediction:

"And Jesus came to them and spake upon them saying, All authority hath been given unto Me in Heaven and on earth. Go ye, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world".—Matt. 28:18-20 (R. V.)

Obedience to this final command of the crucified and risen Christ is the love test that He gave to His church and will be the basis of our future reward or condemnation. To carry out this Great Commission is the main business of every blood-bought disciple.

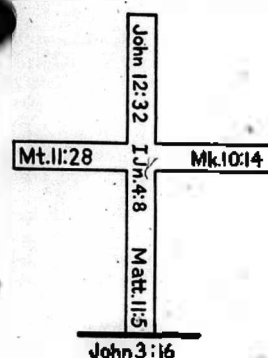
I am one of those blood-bought disciples. I must obey.

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. What is the Great Commission?
2. Where was Jesus when He spoke these words?
3. Discuss the Great Commission and the cross.
4. Tell of the steps whereby the early disciples were led to understand the universality of the Gospel.
5. Discuss the glory of the missionary task.
6. Show how all W.M.U. Chief Aims are based on the Great Commission.
7. Define personal service.
8. Discuss Jesus as an example in personal service.
9. Tell of two plans of personal service of W.M.U.
10. Discuss the opportunities of personal service in your own community.
11. Discuss W.M.U. methods of reporting personal service.
12. What is the great purpose of all personal service?

REFERENCE MATERIAL

The Window of Y.W.A.	—World Comrades
Missions in the Plan of the Ages.....	Dr. W. O. Carver
The Holy Spirit and Missions.....	Dr. A. J. Gordon
The New Why and How of W.M.U.....	Wilma Bucy
Personal Service Guide.....	Una Roberts Lawrence



Crosses similar to this one are found throughout this New Year issue of ROYAL SERVICE. The arrangement of the Scriptures was thus made several years ago by Miss Inabelle Coleman in editing the Business Women's Circle page. Purposely is it being now repeated in emphasizing the Southwide Baptist Revival. Please look up and commit to memory each of the verses, using them and other evangelistic helps in this magazine. All through 1939 ROYAL SERVICE will place large emphasis on the southwide revival. For this and many another reason, please

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OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

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

INVENTORY for 1939



As we close the record of work done in leading young people in missionary education during 1938, it is well to take inventory of our preparation for 1939. W.M.S. presidents, W.M.U. young people's directors, counselors and leaders are all concerned in this investigation because the formation of the future is always more important than the re-formation of adults. Tomorrow clamors for attention today; if denied careful missionary education fostering, the progress of the Kingdom is by so much retarded.

Are you ready to begin your missionary education leadership tasks? See if your counselors have the proper manual and the 1939 W.M.U. Year Book. These are supplied free to counselors, members buy them at nominal 10c each. There are Sunbeam Manuals, Junior G.A. and Junior R.A. Manuals, Intermediate G.A. and Intermediate R.A. Manuals, and Y.W.A. Manuals. Which should you have? There is a Guide for Royal Ambassador Counselors and a Guide for Counselors of Girls' Auxiliaries, price 25c each from W.M.U. Literature Department, 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala. Do you have the Standard of Excellence wall chart? See pages 34-37 in 1939 W.M.U. Year Book for prices and explanation. Do you have sufficient number of *World Comrades* and *The Window of Y.W.A.* coming to your organization membership? *World Comrades* should be in every Baptist home where there are children; every Baptist young woman should subscribe to *The Window of Y.W.A.* See that your literature committee really properly appreciates these fine magazines and the need for them in Baptist homes. Look in these magazines for announcements about pins, seals, pennants and posters available and waiting for your use. Be ready to work well in 1939. (See page 33 for ordering magazines.)

Will you keep alert and up-to-the-minute in W.M.U. affairs? To do so a leader will need to read *World Comrades* or *The Window of Y.W.A.* and *Royal Service* thoughtfully and thoroughly every month. To do so you will need to study missions, to interpret today's world affairs in the light of their relationship to the Kingdom of God. To do so you will need to attend W.M.U. rallies, institutes, clinics, meetings, camps, houseparties, conclaves. To do so you will need to serve prayerfully and steadfastly for Jesus' sake.

Will you really foster the young people's missionary organizations? Sometimes the membership of the Women's Missionary Society does not even know whether it is fostering the young people's organizations or not. How can it foster well if it does not know how many children it has? How can mothers encourage their own children to attend a meeting of an organization whose existence is unknown to them? W.M.S. president, W.M.U. young people's director (third vice president) and counselors must foster by keeping the missionary education organizations in the thinking and in the prayerful interest of the women of the missionary society. Foster by occasional parties and frequent refreshments—worldly organizations and people do not hesitate to promote zestful interest by pleasant refreshments; "the children of this world are wiser than the children of light". Foster by providing homes in which to meet when needful, by arranging for transportation, by providing literature, mission study books and teachers, helps for counselors, enrolling in correspondence course for counselors (see page 78 in 1939 W.M.U. Year Book), seeing that W.M.S. committee chairmen help young people's committees plan their activities (as stewardship, personal service, mission study), look down the year to special young people's camps, conclaves, houseparties, rallies and be ready to help your young people to attend them, keep the young people's activities before the society by monthly reports that all may pray for the young people in their missionary education organizations, may intercede for God's blessings on counselors, may enthusiastically encourage the organization activities in every possible way. Fostering should be fine in 1939.

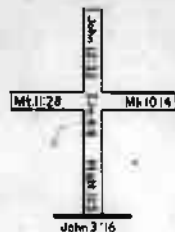


COLLEGE Y. W. A.



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

NEW and RE-NEWED UNDERTAKINGS for 1939



After the Christmas and New Year holidays students in colleges and schools of nurses' training have a way of girding themselves anew for their work, realizing that nearly half a term has been completed. So in Ann Hasseltine and Grace McBride Y.W.A. comes the realization that, as these organizations keep their records, nearly half the year is gone. Not the record, the mere report, but the urgency of our missionary task must spur us to new and re-newed undertakings.

There is always a great opportunity for enlistment in these two branches of Young Woman's Auxiliary. Demanding schedules, heavy assignments for preparation, quickly passing hours leave confusingly little time to be called one's own on college campus or in a hospital, but the cause of missions recognizes no proviso of delay. Our January program presentations recall the inclusiveness of all Christians in carrying out the command in the Great Commission. More and more W.M.U. leaders see that if this is omitted here in the lives of these young women then missionary motive grows pale, missionary zeal weakens and missionary interest is too often permanently lost. Life holds busy demands, comparable to those which grasp for college and hospital training time; our young women must have every encouragement to right choice or too frequently they are lost to their highest Kingdom usefulness. Renew your enlistment effort—by invitation, posters and announcements, by quiet conversation convincing each girl of Christ's need of her intelligent missionary service somewhere in His harvest field.

It is extremely difficult to have admirable and adequate mission study courses but these must be conducted and in a dignified way commensurate with the importance of the cause of missions and with time, attendance and teaching force comparable to that for any regular curriculum course. Renew your efforts to arrange with administrative authorities for such a time; ask your state W.M.U. young people's secretary to help you secure missionaries or denominational leaders as teachers, or use some devoted faculty members in this capacity. Mission study books crowd the presses. *China through a College Window* (price 60c), *Following in His Train* (price 60c, study of W.M.U. participation in and contribution to missions, by Ethelene Boone Cox) are but two of the recent publications extremely popular now.

It is very easy for college students and nurses to say, "We haven't any money", yet the salary becomes apparent when they realize how much money slips through their fingers for this and for that. Lessons of stewardship, determinations to tithes must not be laid on the shelf during these years or they will become so dusty with misuse they will scarcely reappear when salaries are received, or preparation days are completed for life beyond diplomas. Renew efforts of stewardship committees, study stewardship programs, secure new tithers (pledge cards sent on request from state W.M.U. headquarters; see pages 2 and 35-36).

Direct the attention of our young women to subscribing for their own magazine, *The Window of Y.W.A.* They buy and read other magazines, glancing from news stands; do they really know their own magazine? Or have they just seen a cut-out section of it? They will want to have their own subscriptions when they see what good things *The Window of Y.W.A.* contains. Renew your subscription efforts at once. (See page 33.)

All along the line in missionary education and missionary activity comes the call "Make new effort, renew previous undertakings". Let us bind every energy to finer work in 1939.



TRAINING SCHOOL



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

The following is a list of the students enrolled in the W.M.U. Training School who expect to complete their work at the end of the session this spring:

WORKING toward a MASTER of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEGREE

NAME	STATE	PREVIOUS EDUCATION	MAJOR
Hilda Beggs	Georgia	A.B., Mercer University	Religious Ed.
Lila Mae Chapman	Georgia	B.M., Wesleyan Conservatory	Religious Ed.
Ruth Cochrane	Arkansas	B.A., Baylor University	Missions
Evelyn Collins	Florida	A.B., Fla. State College	Religious Ed.
Louise Doyle	Florida	A.B., Fla. State College	Missions
Gladys Frost	Alabama	A.B., Judson College	Religious Ed.
Alice Giffin	Minnesota	A.B., Judson College	Missions
Louise Gulley	Tennessee	B.S., Carson Newman	Missions
Rowena Gunter	Mississippi	B.A., Blue Mountain	Religious Ed.
Constance Hall	Virginia	B.S., William and Mary	Religious Ed.
Edna Hedden	Missouri	B.S., Southeast Mo. State Teacher's College	Religious Ed.
Ruby Howe	Oklahoma	B.S., Oklahoma Baptist University	Religious Ed.
Gwendolyn Johnson	Missouri	B.S., Southeast Mo. State Teacher's College	Bible
Janie Sue Jones	Tennessee	A.B., Union University	Religious Ed.
Margaret Marchman	Georgia	A.B., Bessie Tift College	Missions
Virginia Mathis	Georgia	A.B., Bessie Tift College	Religious Ed.
Dorothy Mayer	Tennessee	B.A., Blue Mountain	Bible
Isabel Morgan	North Carolina	A.B., Meredith	Religious Ed.
Anna Murchison	South Carolina	B.S., Winthrop	Religious Ed.
Marian Peeler	South Carolina	A.B., Furman University	Missions
Mrs. Norman Price	Mississippi	A.B., Miss. Woman's College	Missions
Elizabeth Provence	Texas	B.A., Texas State College	Missions
Sarah Stephens	South Carolina	B.S., Asheville Teacher's College	Religious Ed.
Dorothy Tippet	Georgia	A.B., Bessie Tift College	Bible
Mrs. Chas. Treadway	Mississippi	B.A., Mississippi College	Religious Ed.
Maude Weber	Missouri	B.S., Northeast State Teacher's College	Religious Ed.
Ellene Wiggins	Georgia	A.B., Piedmont College	Religious Ed.
Lola Wilson	Missouri	A.B., William Jewell	Missions
Mary Wilson	Florida	A.B., Judson College	Religious Ed.

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NAME	STATE	NAME	STATE
Mrs. R. G. Bennett	Florida	Lorena Miles	Virginia
Mrs. Barry Garrett	Oklahoma	Ethel Richardson	Kentucky
Margaret Jung	Virginia	Kiyoko Shimose	Japan
Helen Lambert	Illinois		

WORKING toward a CERTIFICATE

NAME	STATE	NAME	STATE
Mrs. T. R. Allen	Florida	Lucille Lynch	Kentucky
Alene Crutcher	Kentucky	Ruth Napier	South Carolina
Ruth Dohrman	Kentucky	Susie Payne Petty	Kentucky
Mary Dyson	Georgia	Emma Watts	Kentucky
Ruth Gardner	Alabama		



MARGARET FUND



Chairman: Mrs. H. M. Rhodes, Tennessee

"O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together".—Psalm 34:3

HOW gloriously has the Lord blessed the efforts of Woman's Missionary Union these fifty years—and more—in the wonderful opportunity for service in this land and far beyond the seas. In these great years of work Woman's Missionary Union has been weaving a tapestry of service throughout the world. So in the training of young people and its many other activities, no pattern stands out more brightly than the loving service given through Margaret Fund to the sons and daughters of our beloved missionaries.

What a joy it has always been to know these "soldiers of the Cross" and how great a privilege to help ease the burden attendant upon the education of their children! May we, besides giving material help through the Margaret Fund, form the habit of finding these students' names on the "Prayer Calendar" and bearing them often to the "Throne of Grace".

Since many of these students will come from "all parts" of the world, including our own land, we call the attention of their parents to the fact that it is now time to send in Margaret Fund applications for next year. This applies to the present students for renewals, as well as to new applications of those now reaching college age.

The parents of all such will please make immediate application, for the standard requirements and application blanks, to the chairman, whose address is Mrs. H. M. Rhodes, 269 Kenilworth Place, Memphis, Tenn.

The following describes those who are eligible for such scholarships:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Scholarships will not be granted for use in schools on foreign fields that are under the Foreign Mission Board, as the Board provides for such scholarships. Scholarships are not granted students remaining at home with parents on foreign fields; exceptions are, however, made when parents are on furlough. Scholarships will not be granted married students or students applying for a scholarship the first time after they are twenty-one years of age or older. Scholarships are forfeited if student changes schools between semesters without notifying the committee.

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

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

W.M.U. MONTHLY MISSIONARY TOPICS for CALENDAR YEAR of 1939

MISSIONARY TOPICS THEME: The Great Commission—Our Mission

JANUARY

The Great Commission—Our Mission—*Mat. 28:19, 20 (R. V.)*

Local: The Personal Service Committee—Its duties and outlook. Reaching the unconverted in our communities

FEBRUARY

The Great Commission and the Chief Aims of W.M.U.—"Prayer and Study"

Local: Cottage prayer meetings; pioneer mission study classes

MARCH

"Teaching"—an Important Part of the Great Commission

Local: Distribution of good literature. Putting on in our churches and communities programs that will teach the necessity for total abstinence

APRIL

Southern Baptist Response to the Great Commission in Latin America

Local: Christian services held in institutions; Mission Sunday Schools

MAY

The Great Commission and the Ministry of Healing

Local: Visiting sick and aiding some veteran of the cross

JUNE

The Great Commission and the Chief Aims of W.M.U.—"Missionary Education of Our Young People"

Local: Assist in Vacation Bible School. Aiding young people to attend W.M.U. summer camps and assemblies

JULY

Carrying Out the Great Commission in the Homeland—*Acts 1:8*

Local: Contacting unenlisted churches in the association; Jewish work; Good Will Centers

AUGUST

Carrying Out the Great Commission in the Orient

Local: Work for foreigners and underprivileged

SEPTEMBER

The Great Commission and the Chief Aims of W.M.U.—"Enlistment and Personal Service"

Local: Reaching the Baptists of the community; enlisting them in church activities. Encouraging the young people to plan the Stewardship Night program for presentation in October or November

OCTOBER

The Great Commission and the Chief Aims of W.M.U.—"Tithes and Offerings"

Local: Enlisting tithers; effort to secure a gift to missions from every resident woman member of the church

NOVEMBER

What Southern Baptists Are Doing in Europe and Africa to Carry Out the Great Commission

Local: Work with the Negroes

DECEMBER

My Responsibility for the Great Commission

Local: Christmas plans for the needy
(For 1939 Bible topics see page 30.)

W.M.U. BIBLE STUDY TOPICS for CALENDAR YEAR of 1939

January—Doing the Will of God—*Matt. 6:10; 7:21; Luke 6:46*
 February—Learning to Pray—*Luke 11:1; Heb. 11:6; Eph. 6:17-20; 1 Thess. 5:17*
 March—Some Bible Schools—*II Kings 6:1-7; Acts 22:3; Mark 10:32-45*
 April—The One Way of Salvation—*Acts 4:12; Matt. 15:7-9; John 14:4-10*
 May—Christ's Healing Touch—*Matt. 8:15; Luke 4:40; Matt. 11:28-30*
 June—Supreme Responsibility of Parents and of the Church—*Gen. 44:30-34; Deut. 6:4-7*
 July—Our Greatest National Need—*Prov. 14:30, 31, 34; Psa. 33:6, 12-15*
 August—The Ever-Enlarging Citizenry of the Kingdom—*Matt. 8:11; John 10:16; Rev. 7:9-12*
 September—Soul Winning—*Dan. 12:3; Prov. 11:30 (R. V.); John 1:35-45*
 October—God's Warnings against Covetousness—*Col. 3:5; 1 Tim. 6:9-11; Prov. 11:24; Matt. 19:22-24; 6:19-21; Luke 12:15-21*
 November—The Power of the Gospel—*Rom. 1:16; Isa. 55:1-13*
 December—God's Great Gifts of Love—*Luke 2:10; 1 John 4:10; 2:2; Rom. 8:32*
 (For 1939 missionary topics see page 29.)

WATCHWORD (Concluded from Page 6)

his sheaves with him". This is God's law of the spiritual harvest, one thousand years before Christ died. Christ wept over a lost world; Paul served God with many tears. So there must be deep soul-burden among southern Baptists if millions are saved. The W.M.U. of the south can make no richer, more vital contribution to a soul-winning campaign than the consecrated tears of their broken, burdened hearts, hearts

burdened for the millions of the lost among us.

May the constraint of Christ's love call us all to higher living, more unselfish service, deeper compassion for the unsaved, more faithful supplication and intercession for a dying, sinning world, and more faithful, hot-hearted, personal soul-winning in 1939 than ever before. If so, love will see a conquest and Christ will wear a larger crown.

STEWARDSHIP (Concluded from Page 7)

suggesting that every society have at least one member for every organization and circle. They are suggesting that a special Club leader be appointed or that the stewardship chairman act as Club leader, reporting each month as to receipts and new members. *And they will do it.*

Yes, we must have a debtless denomination, and we can have it and will have it. The W.M.U. is in the B.H.T.C. to stay till the debts are paid.

Pray and pay; pray and pay.
 There is no other way
 To get rid of our debts
 But to pray and pay!

CURRENT MISSIONARY EVENTS

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

A new year has been granted us. A clean new sheet from the files of time has been given each of us upon which to write. A vital question for every Christian to consider is, "What will my record be?" If preaching the Gospel to the people of all nations and teaching them to observe all things whatsoever Christ commanded is accepted as the mission of all who profess to be His disciples then the news concerning the progress of the Kingdom should be of vital concern. Surely every bit of good news is evidence that Christ's disciples somewhere have been faithful in their mission and thus are we encouraged. While every bit of news which seems to indicate that the cause of Christ is suffering defeat anywhere is on the other hand evidence that somewhere, somehow, someone is failing and thus should we be stimulated to more faithful service. Whatever the past record of each of us may have been, let all of us, every W.M.U. member, covenant together that we will strive to be so faithful in our mission this year that when the record is complete it can be placed in the files of the faithful and not among those who have failed the Master in His mission for world redemption.

Dr. Walter L. Lingle says in the *Christian Observer*: "My observation is that people who are most enthusiastic about foreign missions, home missions or any other church enterprise are people who have been reading the church papers for a number of years and have thus informed themselves". This editor would amend Dr. Lingle's statement by inserting after church papers, and missionary magazines and studying missions; for a number of years. Thus we may have not only a selection but a double selection of missionary enthusiasts.

Jacob Gartenhaus, field secretary of the Home Mission Board, writing of meetings held in the First Baptist Church of Albuquerque, New Mexico, says: "In my audience I noticed some of the Indian Baptists from the Isleta reservation. I wondered if they could understand and would respond to my message. I

made the suggestion to those present that they invite and bring their friends to the evening service. The Indians, everyone of them, took the suggestion seriously. Between the afternoon and evening services they went to the business section, visited the stores owned by the Jews and invited them to attend the evening services. Their efforts were not without results, for several Jewish friends came in response".

On November 15 there appeared in the Richmond, Virginia, *Times Dispatch* an open letter addressed by Dorothy Thompson "To a Jewish Friend". In it she called attention to the following words of the prophet Isaiah "which we, who call ourselves Christian, hold prophetic of the coming of the Savior" said she: "But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed". "I thought", said she to her Jewish friend, "of the present peace". The chastisement is upon your race today, wounded and bruised for our iniquities, but I do not think that by your stripes we shall be healed. . . . Protest we must and will for the sake of our own self-respect, to let the world know that we are no party to this new crucifixion".

The question is being continually asked, "When will this almost world-wide persecution of the Jews be brought to an end?" Why does not God interfere? No one knows, but one answer given recently was: "When the Jews in any considerable number turn to Christ, and not before". Whether that be true or not certainly there is food for thought in the answer which should cause Christians everywhere to pause and ponder the questions: "To what extent are the disciples of Christ responsible for such a state of affairs as we have today? Have they been faithful in their efforts to win the Jews to Christ? Have you, have I?"

Pastor Martin Niemöller, who they tell us is gradually failing in health in the Sachsenhausen concentration camp a few miles from Berlin, has refused to accept his release from the camp on condition that he sign a declaration forbidding him to resume activity in his Berlin-Dahlem parish. Surely this man is a prisoner for Christ's sake.

According to a recent news bulletin, instruction in atheism will be required in all schools of Soviet Russia, beginning with 1939. A pedagogical institute for instruction in atheism (Concluded on Page 32)

BOOK REVIEWS

Miss Willie Jean Stewart, Tennessee

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

The American City and Its Church: Samuel C. Kinchloe; Friendship Press, 1938, New York; Pages 177; Price 60c and \$1

IN VIEW of the increasing interest of southern Baptists in city problems, as evidenced in the denominational press, this book is particularly timely. For no one can hope to take adequate steps toward meeting the needs of city people and city churches without some understanding of the complexity and far-flung interrelationships of their crucial problems. This background of understanding this book undertakes to give, in six general aspects, as follows:

1. The city itself: its physical structure, distribution of population, institutions and organizations, spirit and place in the nation

2. Problems city people meet: as, economic, social, political, security in work and unemployment, relief and per-

sonal demoralization and the relationship of the church to it all

3. The city family and its home and neighborhood: slums, housing problems, delinquency, use of leisure time and the part the church may have in helping

4. What cities do to churches as they attempt to adapt to city situations and attitudes in facing their own problems. Certainly southern Baptists will not want to go the whole way with the author's thinking with reference to co-operation and union, but they will respect the earnestness of his convictions.

5. What churches do for cities through their regular organizations, institutional churches and missions

6. The primary work of the churches. This is the best chapter in the book and is well worth its price.

Clearly, this is not a pretty book for an hour's pleasant reading. However, it is a rewarding one for those seriously interested in meeting modern needs as Christ met those of His day.

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tunity must match the opportunity. A prayer list is a help toward intercession. It stands like a silent sentinel to warn against indifference about the lostness of souls. Do you have a prayer list?

PRAYER for PROMOTIONAL EFFORTS

The Southwide Baptist Revival movement is to be promoted through the various denominational agencies. The members of the missionary societies would do well to make these plans and these agencies the definite objects of their prayers. These plans include: (1) a great increase in conversions, (2) developing soul-winners, (3) establishing family altars, (4) a revival meeting in every church, (5) a well-defined evangelistic program in every association, (6) city-wide crusades, (7) adequate conservation, (8) the exaltation of evangelistic preaching.

Let us pray!

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is to be established to prepare teachers for their new duties.—*Missionary Review of the World*

The *Philadelphia Evening Bulletin* announces that there has been an increase of 79c in the average per capita giving of the members of

the 25 leading evangelical denominations in the United States and Canada for the past statistical year. Though Baptists have gained in membership there has been in this time a decline of 412,148 in the combined membership of evangelicals.



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Texas has made possible the illustration used on the front cover page of this issue of ROYAL SERVICE. It has already appeared on a pamphlet by Miss Lou Wilkins, well known for her zeal in behalf of work among the Negroes in Texas. The Southwide Baptist Revival is placing great emphasis on the family altar. Please use this illustration as an appeal for prayer and Bible study in the homes. (See also pages 5, 11, 12.)

Mrs. W. J. Cox, Treasurer

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

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

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

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

