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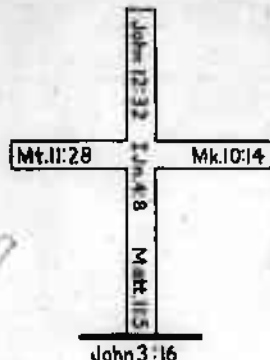


EDITORIAL



LOVE CONSTRAINS—BE STEADFAST

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



We have expressed the earnest hope that each member of Woman's Missionary Union will make this year's watchword her very rule of life, that the constraining love of Christ may so motivate our personal lives that our united service throughout this year may be God-honoring. Love is a tremendously compelling force. The spirit-influencing and life-ennobling power of human love is a common experience of most of us. Parental love, so tender and yearning, has held the dear object of its devotion in paths of rectitude even under sore temptation. Its disposition to make sacrifices knows no bounds. An understanding of this quality of parental love helps us to realize why God Himself chooses to be called "Father", why He so revealed Himself in Jesus, His Son, who taught His disciples to say, "Our Father". Love is com-

pulling, the love of Christ supremely so. Yielding ourselves, our wills, our all to its quickening, energizing power we shall come to know the life more abundant. Personal response to the constraining love of Christ will lead to more constructive united service. This is one distinctive reason for the practice of choosing an annual watchword. It helps to inspire personal allegiance and moves to uniformity of purpose and action.

In I Cor. 15:58 the great apostle delivers this admonition: "Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord". So we would say: "The love of Christ constraineth us" to be *steadfast*. What an expressive word, so powerfully all inclusive! It means firm convictions, fixed ideals, steady purpose, constant devotion, sure foundations, unwavering loyalty, perseverance even unto the end. By His love we are constrained to be steadfast in our missionary purpose, always abounding in the work of the Lord. When Jesus said, "Ye shall be My witnesses", He mentioned the community in which He and they were standing as He spoke, He included the near-by places, the somewhat distant ones and the world's uttermost part. Thus He made clear His own purpose that all who awaited the message of His love were one, that missions, as we term the bearing of that message, has no near and no far, but each is equally important. We cannot be truly missionary purposed except we see the world as one and are concerned for the salvation of those who are lost whether they be our neighbors or the unknown ones in far-away China.

The Southern Baptist Convention has a great purpose and plan to win the lost of our own communities. In our magazines and all current literature of our Union there is ample evidence that we are seeking to stimulate our members to hearty participation in this denominational effort. Local societies will demonstrate their intention to be steadfast in their missionary purpose as they use to the

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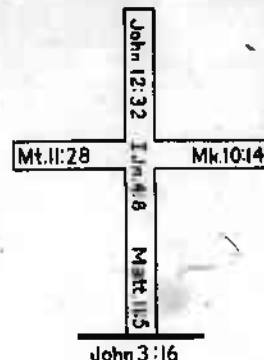


SOUTHWIDE BAPTIST REVIVAL



PREPARATION through PRAYER and BIBLE STUDY

President W. W. Hamilton, Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, La.



Dr. John A. Broadus once preached a great sermon on "The Servant of the Lord and of Gideon" and emphasized the union of the human and the divine. We must combine these if we are to help forward the "Southwide Baptist Revival". We must study the Bible and we must pray, if we would be ready for conflict and for conquest.

We must hide God's Word in our hearts (*Psalms 119:11*) and then pray that we ourselves may realize in a new and more blessed way how "the Holy Scriptures are able to make people wise unto salvation". We are to "receive with meekness the engrafted Word" and are to pray that the new birth may come by the Word of the living and everlasting God. Jesus met Satan's temptations each time by saying, "It is written!" "It is written!"

We must study the Bible and pray that we may become approved workmen, who properly present the message of truth (*II Timothy 2:15*). If we may be used to bring people to eternal life, how happy we shall be, and Jesus says that eternal life is to know the only true God and Jesus Christ. We are to be witnesses of His death and resurrection and also that in His name repentance and remission of sins are to be everywhere proclaimed. The early Christians tarried to pray before they went forth to be powerful witnesses.

We must use the Word and pray that from any and every Scripture we may be ready to preach Jesus to the enquirer. This was what Philip did (*Acts 8:35*) when he found the man reading from Isaiah. "The Word of God is quick and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword". It will win when we have failed. God's message is not in the wisdom of men's words, but it is powerful when delivered in surrender to the Holy Spirit. A quiet word of testimony given in prayerful dependence upon the Holy Spirit will be mightier than all of the signs demanded by the Jews and of the learning boasted by the Greeks.

We must believe the Scriptures (*II Timothy 3:16, 17*) and then pray that through our study of the Bible we may be thoroughly equipped for any good work assigned us in the winning of the lost. People are in sin. The consequences are sure. Men and women cannot save themselves. There is salvation for all. We are to come as we are. The conditions are simple. Delay is dangerous. We must urge those about us to confess Jesus as Savior, to accept Him as Lord and to take up the cross and follow Him, seeking first His Kingdom and His righteousness.

We must speak the Word, knowing that it will never pass away, and pray as we witness that those who hear may give earnest heed to the divine message (*Hebrews 1:1*). "How shall they escape, if they neglect the salvation which is so near?" (*II Peter 3:9*) "What name whereby they must be saved?" (*Acts 4:12*)

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MISSION STUDY DEPARTMENT



Southwide Mission Study Chairman: Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, Missouri

FIRST THINGS FIRST THIS YEAR

1. Beginning with Prayer

The year 1939 opened with a richness of choices in mission study such as we have rarely had. Wise planning will bring it all to your society. In many states it is the recommended plan to study the W.M.U. Year Book during January. With that as a fundamental basis, let us start our mission study for the year with "Prayer" by O. Hallesby (price 50c). Get your society to purchase several copies for general circulation, letting those who wish the book for themselves purchase individual copies. Let each circle plan to give at least three full hours of study to complete properly. The book is rich in vital truths, vividly presented and will bless every woman studying it. For special plans for teaching, see September 1938 issue of *Royal Service*. After you have finished, take your circulating copies to your neighboring Negro W.M.S. and teach a class there.

2. Continuing with Home Missions

There could be no more suitable accompaniment to the circle study of "Prayer" than a high day for study of "Go Forward" (price 25c), as written by Mrs. Joe W. Burton, wife of the publicity secretary of the Home Mission Board. The special purpose of the book is in preparation for the Week of Prayer for Home Missions. Plan to have this in February; make careful preparations beforehand. The book is the story of the daily problems, tasks and victories of the home missionaries, simply and skillfully told, and is well adapted for the one-day class, if properly planned in advance.

Every W.M.S. and Y.W.A. organiza-

tion are entitled to one free copy each from their state W.M.U. headquarters. Sell as many copies as possible, several women buying together perhaps and passing around for all to read before the class. Let the teacher plan carefully for presentation, using posters, maps and charts. Reach every woman in the society, either through the class or through reading the book at home.

For the class, plan two full hours of actual teaching before lunch; have a simple "school girl" lunch served by women who do not stay out of class to prepare it; and have a full hour of teaching after lunch. Do not have a devotional talk but simply hymn, Scripture reading and prayer to open. See the book for very suggestive Scriptures.

Suggestions for teaching are found in this issue of *Royal Service* (pages 8-9), with additional helps in January issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions* or sent free on request from the Home Mission Board, 315 Red Rock Bldg., Atlanta, Ga. Also free on request from that address are aids to teaching: Map of Home Missions, Picture Poster, small mimeo maps of (1) Cuba, (2) French Country, (3) Indian Fields, (4) Negro Life (5) Chinese in the Delta, (6) Foreign Populations.

3. On to Soul Winning

Most logically, the next book to take in your circles is "Helping Others to Become Christians", by Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, price 25c. Plans for study will be found in an early issue of *Royal Service* and aids in teaching may be had from the Home Mission Board.

All books may be ordered from your State Baptist Book Store.—Mrs. Una R. Lawrence



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.

Go Forward: Mrs. Joe W. Burton; S.B.C. Home Mission Board, Atlanta, 1939; Pages 96; Price 25c

IT HAS long been recognized as a fact that there is no such thing as real, effective praying without information and the definite interest that grows out of it. When to information and interest is added inspiration, the result is both praying and giving. This book, then, sets out to give southern Baptist W.M.S. and Y.W.A. members such a background of accurate, dependable information about their vast home mission task here in the south as will lead to aroused interest and fervent prayer and generous giving in connection with the March Week of Prayer and Annie W.—Armstrong Offering for Home Missions.

The first chapter begins where the definite home mission movement began—with the New Testament interpretation of the life and mission of Jesus, and with the New Testament methods by which those first disciples began to make Him and His message known, after they had tarried in prayer at Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit had come upon them and imbued them with the discernment and power they needed for their otherwise impossible task. It goes on to show that, in their missionary procedures today, southern Baptists try to follow that same method and present that same interpretation through emphasis on evangelism and Christlike living in this modern world. A brief discussion of the plans and objectives for a great Southwide Baptist Revival in 1939, voted at the Southern Baptist Convention in Richmond last May, is particularly timely and helpful. So is a section on applied Christianity, which is so suggestive that one wishes the author might have had space in which to elaborate it further.

The second chapter gives a very brief survey of the particular racial and geographical groups with which our Home Mission Board does definite work. If this seems unduly repetitious to some who have studied the subject year after year, they will remember that the work goes on from year to year, and that new infiltration of workers who come into the Union from year to year can only learn about missions "line upon line, precept upon precept". This presentation itself is very effective because, after a brief introductory survey undertaken with the aid of the magic carpet of imagination, the author has asked a worker in each field or group to tell his or her own story of the work closest to the heart, thus giving a sympathetic insight into each situation possible in no other way.

The three remaining chapters are largely given over to a great number of incidents and illustrative stories gleaned from the various fields. These are grouped under three general heads to show how southern Baptists follow the New Testament procedure: (1) in praying in faith for the sick, for material needs and for more laborers in the field; (2) in the sacrificial service of their missionaries and the fruits of that service; (3) in giving through the Annie W. Armstrong Offering for Home Missions and through the sacrificial giving of missionaries and converts on the mission field.

At the close of each chapter the author gives a few very simple and easy—
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CIRCLE PLANS

WHEN YOUR CIRCLE STUDIES "Go Forward"

by Mrs. Joe W. Burton, it will be well to use many if not all of the following suggestions from Mrs. E. E. Steele, also of Atlanta and the state W.M.U. mission study chairman. Mrs. Steele says:

Mrs. Burton in a most interesting way in her well written book, "Go Forward", calls to our minds God's eternal plan of the ages and how our Home Mission Board is helping to carry it out. She challenges us in the name of the Christ we love and serve to strive to "go forward" because "there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed" (Josh. 13:1b).

Preliminary Preparation—Read the book through to get a proper view of the purpose of the author. Then study to master the facts. Outline own teaching plans, using outline in book as basis. Make special assignments in advance. Make note of striking sentences, incidents that might be dramatized; possibilities for picturization. Secure curios or handcraft products of people to be studied in book. Arrange room attractively with these curios etc. and in addition use cut-out Indian, Mexican etc. villages and pictures. Secure (free) from Home Mission Board its picture poster of missionaries, map of home fields, mimeo maps of various home mission fields, leaflets on home missions.

Outline each chapter on brown wrapping paper or cheap window shade, as paper and shade will roll up easily without breaking. List needs of home fields on blackboard. Let class suggest how to meet needs.

As each lady enters room pin a small traffic-light-sign on her. (Make with white construction paper small traffic signs, printing with green ink or pencil Go on one side and Forward on other side.)

Poster Suggestions for Announcing Class—On large poster paper to left center draw large map of home

field. To right of map draw large portrait of pioneer woman from head to just below waist-line, right hand slightly raised toward map, left arm down and held out to a group of figures at center bottom of poster (figures with only shoulders and back of heads showing). In upper righthand corner print in large letters "Go Forward". In lower lefthand corner print date, place, teacher etc. Do not put up all the posters at one time, but use as each chapter is presented.

Themes to Emphasize

1. Bible written for missionary purpose
2. How God uses men to do His work
3. Native religions not good enough
4. Missions, the key to uplift of any people

Results to Be Expected

1. Enlarged visions of needs of foreigners within our land: our responsibility to them
2. Better knowledge of work of a missionary
3. Missionary spirit developed and world brotherhood strengthened
4. Home Board program better understood, hence better supported

Chapter I

Use this chapter as a basis for a Bible study. Have members bring their Bibles. Give as much time as practical to reading, quoting etc. upon references as supplied by author. Have several members of class tell how each book in New Testament was written for a definite missionary purpose (assign in advance).

List on window shade or brown wrap-

ping paper with large letters the eight objectives for evangelism. Take time to emphasize each objective. Have period of silent prayer.

Chapter II

On poster paper or window shade, large enough to leave four or five inch border, mount a map of our home field. Place around the border pictures of our home missionaries, churches, schools, Good Will Centers etc. Have several ladies with different colored ribbon for each nationality. Let one end of ribbon be placed on Atlanta, other on field it represents (example—red for Indian section). Pin ribbon down with small Christian flags (1c apiece). As each lady runs her piece of ribbon from Atlanta to a given field let her tell of this particular work as described in this chapter. Let another lady run a piece of ribbon from that center of work to the group of missionaries working on that field, telling a few interesting things about each missionary. (Reference—"The Missionaries of the Home Mission Board" by Lawrence, 35c)

Chapter III

Easily adapted for playlet, using about six or eight ladies. *Scene I*—Prayer for Sick; *Scene II*—Material Needs; *Scene III*—Prayer for Lost

Make jig-saw puzzle of map of home field (cut in about twenty pieces) with one question on each piece from facts found in chapters I and II. When question is answered pin on right place on whole map.

Poster Suggestions: On left side of poster paper about middle way draw a likeness of the "Praying Hands" (page 12 of this magazine). At top on right side have a light shedding its rays on a map of home field. Print on map: For Sick, For Material Needs, For Lost

etc. In large letters at bottom of poster print: In Faith.

Chapter IV

Have a review of chapters I, II, III according to outline on window shade or brown paper. Dramatize story, "A Fragrant Bouquet".

Have three minute contest on jumbled-up names of Home Board missionaries. (Example—Weells: Sewell)

Poster Suggestion—Twin posters. On first poster print at top "The Missionaries' Flower Garden". Then paint or cut out of magazines all colors of flowers. Arrange them like a real flower garden with pictures (painted or real) representing different races we work with, place among flowers. On second poster print at top "The Missionaries' Garden of Service". Place in space below pictures representing all phases of home mission work.

Chapter V

Use outline to teach. Use volunteer help from class to discuss various points.

Have on hand a mimeographed True-False Test, facts to be taken from chapters III and IV. (Have about a dozen questions.) On this same sheet have some elliptical sentences taken from chapter V. For closing moments have a good reader (with soft music) read Mrs. F. W. Armstrong's closing words in her presidential message as recorded on last page of book.

Poster Suggestion—On left side of poster paper draw a large cornucopia, have pennies, bottle of milk, carpenter tools, red bandana handkerchief etc. falling out. Underneath in large letters print "Their Gifts". On right side of poster paper draw a large question mark. Print in large letters underneath question mark "Our Gifts".

(See also page 7 of this magazine.)

BOOK REVIEW (Concluded from Page 7)

to-follow teaching suggestions and several examination questions which emphasize what she regards as the essential teachings of that chapter. The book as a whole is written with unusual directness, simplicity and clarity. We believe that our W.M.S. and Y.W.A. members will enjoy it and will find it fulfilling its purpose in their own hearts and lives as well as in their societies, if they study it with open, prayerful minds. (See also pages 8-9 of this magazine.)



BIBLE STUDY



Ells Broadus Robertson, Kentucky

LEARNING to PRAY

Luke 11:1; Heb. 11:6; Eph. 6:17-20; I Thess. 5:17

1. In Secret. "Lord, teach us to pray". Was it knowing of John as a teacher of prayer that brought this request from a disciple, or seeing the peace and power in the face of Jesus when He had been praying alone? Jesus gave in reply no form or rule, but in the parable of the Friend at Midnight He taught persistency; and in "the Prayer of prayers" (as Dr. Stalker calls it) which He had already given in the Sermon on the Mount and now recalls to their minds, the very verb-forms suggest the same thing—"keep on giving . . . keep on forgiving" (ATR). We learn this prayer as children, when we graduate from "Now I lay me down to sleep", and we are still learning its meaning to our last hour. "It is like Jacob's ladder, and thoughts earthly and Heavenly go up and down upon it".

A busy woman must learn two things: (1) to find and preserve a quiet hour (be it only fifteen minutes), and (2) to pray as she goes about her household work. Brother Lawrence found he could "practice the presence of God in as great tranquillity in the noise and clatter of the kitchen as on his knees at the blessed sacrament". And look at Hannah: "she turned that daily annoyance into occasions for prayer". (Tiffany)

2. In the Home. Again, responsibility for family worship lies often upon the mother, who can always make it practicable if she will. Try Mrs. Gray's Family Altar verses (page 12). Breakfast six minutes sooner? Yes! "Mothers should make their homes places in which the name of God is often heard in prayer and praise, in which it is easy to worship, easy to work for God, easy to grow towards God". It is sweet to a child to hear his mother's voice in the nursery prayers; and a father's tones and phrases in family worship bless that family for half a century. A mother was in a hospital, and at breakfast the grandmother said to the four children: "This morning let each of us speak one sentence of special prayer for your mother, because this is the day of the operation". They did it readily, and the eldest added: "And, O Lord, we thank Thee for our mother". So they were helped through the long morning, till the telegraph brought good news.

3. In Women's Meetings. The organized Sunday school classes and young people's organizations have finally given us women who can lead in prayer in our meetings without the 19th century anguish. One woman who learned then said her knees shook every time for three years. Of course the danger now is in the way of over-fluency and repetition. It is still true, surely, that we are not heard for our much speaking. Two simple suggestions may be offered to help us do better: (1) sometimes pray aloud in secret, so that your own voice does not terrify your thoughts; and (2) study the utter sincerity and simplicity of the Bible prayers, till your heart makes their outcries your own. Remember God is listening. And what does Paul ask of the Christians at Ephesus? Perseverance in the use of the Bible and in prayer for each other, especially for him that he may have boldness in preaching! Try this on Sunday, when you wait quietly for church to begin, and see if God doesn't help your pastor. Finally, "pray without ceasing".

(This prayer was written soon after moving into a new home.)

PRAYER by a WINDOW

Eleanor Robertson Easley, N. C.

I have a window set for prayer,
And furnished with a desk and chair,
And keep some books for worship there.

A quiet bit of garden green
Lies just outside, and plainly seen
My neighbor's lawn spreads wide between

My house and hers. A steeple pine
Lifts up my heart, O God, to Thine,
And carries prayer for me and mine.

Beyond, a roadway swiftly winds
And all the world about me binds,
Until the prayer no limit finds.

EDITORIAL (Concluded from Page 4)

utmost all these aids to enlistment of their respective groups in this tremendously vital effort. (See page 5.)

Very soon the special emphasis upon the Week of Prayer of Home Missions will engage us. The love of Christ constrains us to make America Christian. Steadfast in our missionary purpose we shall give ourselves with singleness of heart to make this a worthy observance of this Week of Prayer (Feb. 27-March 3), enlisting the heart interest, the prayers and gifts of the largest possible number of our members. (See pages 6-9, 35.)

Be ye steadfast in your missionary purpose "forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord". The love of Christ constraineth us to be steadfast in personal devotion and service, in united loyalty and perseverance.

In Memoriam

JUST as this magazine was going to press on December 20 a telegram was received from Baltimore, Md., stating that at ten o'clock that morning Miss Annie W. Armstrong went Home to Heaven. In the March issue of this magazine there will be fuller tribute paid to the life and work of this truly remarkable woman. Practically every one who reads this magazine knows that Miss Armstrong was the first corresponding secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, S.B.C.; that she served without salary during her eighteen years as secretary; that the offering of the March Week of Prayer bears her honored name. Naturally an organizer and with innate leadership, Miss Armstrong accepted responsibility like Esther, led dauntlessly to victory like Deborah, was given to almsdeeds as was Dorcas, worshiped faithfully in her church like Anna, was beloved as was Mary and gave her life as did Martha who ministered unto Jesus. Verily Woman's Missionary Union can never fully measure its deep indebtedness for the devoted service and missionary vision of Miss Armstrong.



FAMILY ALTAR



Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

TOPIC: PRAYER and STUDY

"A throne of grace! Then let us go
And offer up our prayer;
A gracious God will mercy show
To all that worship there.

"A throne of grace we yet shall need
Long as we draw our breath;
A Savior, too, to intercede,
Till we are changed by death".

Intercession

1st Day—Jan. 5:16-18
2nd Day—Matt. 5:44
3rd Day—Rom. 1:9; 10:1
4th Day—Psa. 26:22; 28:9; 36:10
5th Day—I Peter 5:10
6th Day—Heb. 13:20, 21
7th Day—I Sam. 2:25

Ingratitude

15th Day—I Sam. 8:7; 10:19
16th Day—Psa. 106:7
17th Day—Dan. 5:18-21
18th Day—Hos. 11:1-3
19th Day—Rom. 1:21
20th Day—Luke 17:17
21st Day—John 1:11

Instruction

8th Day—Psa. 119:12 (*Vss. 3-125*)
9th Day—Prov. 1:1-9
10th Day—Prov. 22:17-21
11th Day—Prov. 23:12, 23
12th Day—Ex. 10:2
13th Day—Deut. 6:6-9
14th Day—II Tim. 3:15-17

Prayers in the Scripture

22nd Day—Jacob—Gen. 32:9-12
23rd Day—Moses—Ex. 32:11-18, 32, 33;
33:13-15
24th Day—David—II Sam. 7:18-29
25th Day—Asa—II Chron. 14:1, 2, 11
26th Day—Nehemiah—Neh. 1:8, 9
27th Day—Paul—Eph. 3:14-19
28th Day—John 17 (*The Prayer Perfect*)

"Pray Ye"

Giving thanks for God's goodness to our country
Intercede that our country will accept the warning
of Scripture that "righteousness exalteth a nation but
that sin is a reproach to any people".

Pray that W.M.S. and Y.W.A. members will faith-
fully use the preparatory study book—"Go Forward"—
in anticipation of the Week of Prayer for Home Mis-
sions, Feb. 27-March 3 inclusive.

Ask that every W.M.U. member be eager to con-
tribute as generously as possible to the Annie W. Arm-
strong Offering, helping the goal of \$125,000 to be
far exceeded. (See pages 1, 6-9, 35.)

Intercede for a deepening of the spiritual life of
W.M.U. members through their soul-winning efforts in Southwide Baptist Revival.
(See page 5.)

Remember in prayer: Southwide Baptist Revival; Baptist Hundred Thousand
Club; Oklahoma City committees preparing for May meeting; W.M.U. young peo-
ple's organizations.

Please see pages 6-9 for immediate use of book in preparation for
Week of Prayer for Home Missions.



Calendar of Prayer

February, 1939

Prepared by Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona

IN THIS sad hour,
When nations, petulant as children in the night,
Cry down appeal to reason, and resort
To arms; when men and ships
Come home to us from all the seven seas
As bloodstained doves returning to the ark—
May faith and Deity make firm
The shutters of our house and keep alive,
Upon our hearth, the flame of brotherhood.

—Adapted from James A. Quinby

Topic: The Great Commission and "Prayer and Study"

1—WEDNESDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Schwab (*Irene Chamber-
lain*) and Mr. and Mrs. Caselman,
evangelistic work, Acadia Academy,
Church Point, La.
Lord, Thine knowest all things.—Jno. 21:17

2—THURSDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Gillis (*Mary Appleton*),
educational work, and Mr. and Mrs.
Sowell (*Ermine Bagby*), evangelistic and
educational work, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Blessed is everyone that feareth the Lord.
—Psa. 128:1

3—FRIDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson (*Kate Cooper*),
Kunshan, and—on Lough—Mr. and
Mrs. Gillespie (*Pauline Pittard*), Kal-
feng, China, evangelistic workers
Be strong and of good courage.—Josh. 1:6

4—SATURDAY

Mr. McCormick, educational-evangelistic
work, and Mrs. McCormick (*Mary
Reese*), medical-evangelistic work; also
Miss Ruth Kersey, nursing and care of
orphan babies, Ogbomosho, Africa
Serve the Lord with all your heart.
—I Sam. 12:20

5—SUNDAY

Baptist World Alliance
Be filled with the Spirit.—Eph. 5:18

6—MONDAY

Mrs. H. M. Rhodes, Margaret Fund
Chairman, and prayerful interest in the
Margaret Fund
Let love be without dissimulation.
—Rom. 12:9

7—TUESDAY

Dr. T. W. Ayers and Mr. and Mrs. E.
M. Bontick (*Nell Lawrence*), emerita
missionaries from China
He that sent Me is with Me.—Jno. 8:29

8—WEDNESDAY

Misses Gladys McLanahan, Lillie Mae
Weatherford and Gloria Ruiz, educa-
tional work, Anglo-Mexican Institute, El
Paso, Tex.
Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as unto
the Lord and not unto men.—Col. 3:23

9—THURSDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Pietro, Kansas City, Mo.,
and Mr. and Mrs. Arpaio (*Jessie Bald-
win*), Krebs, Okla., workers among Ital-
ians
It hath pleased the Lord to make you His
people.—I Sam. 12:22

10—FRIDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Westbrock (*Louise Ellison*)
and Mr. and Mrs. Wiley (*Elizabeth El-
lyson*), educational work, Shanghai, China
This is indeed the Christ, the Savior of
the world.—Jno. 4:42

11—SATURDAY

Miss Olive Riddell, educational work,
and Mr. and Mrs. White (*Mattie Nor-
man*), evangelistic work, Kweibei, China
Grace be with all them that love our Lord
Jesus Christ with sincerity.—Eph. 6:24

12—SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Orlick (*Vera Humphries*),
evangelistic work, Montevideo, Uruguay
The Lord is King forever and ever.
—Psa. 10:16

Calendar of Prayer for February

13—MONDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Brothers (Leola Smith) and Miss Lena Lair, educational work, Oghomoso, Africa

The law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.—Jno. 1:17

14—TUESDAY

Dr. G. H. Lacy and Dr. and Mrs. D. H. LeSueur (Albie Robert), emeritus missionaries from Mexico; also Robert Willingham Lacy, Margaret Fund student

Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord.—Phil. 3:1

15—WEDNESDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Stumph (Delta Seville) and Miss Pauline Cammack, evangelistic work among Indians, Albuquerque, N. M.

Blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed.—Jno. 20:29

16—THURSDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Caudill (Marjorie Jacob), evangelistic work, Regla, and Mr. and Mrs. Greno, evangelistic work, Apolo, Cuba

By the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.—Gal. 2:16

17—FRIDAY

Mr. Shau Yan Lee, evangelistic work among Chinese, Cleveland, Miss.; also Hui Chung Lee, Margaret Fund student

Only fear the Lord and serve Him with all your heart.—1 Sam. 12:24

18—SATURDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Hart (Tennessee Hemilt), evangelistic-educational work, Antofagasta, and Miss Cornelia Brower, educational work, Temuco, Chile

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

19—SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Benson, educational work, Mexican Baptist Seminary, El Paso, and Mr. and Mrs. Neal (Hallie Garrett), evangelistic work among Mexicans, San Antonio, Tex.

Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name.—Matt. 6:9

20—MONDAY

Miss Cecile Lancaster, educational work, Kokura, Japan

Turn not aside from following the Lord.—1 Sam. 12:20

21—TUESDAY

Dr. and Mrs. Walker (Mary Baldock), medical-evangelistic work, and Miss Kathleen Manley, medical work, Oghomoso, Africa

He that doeth good is of God.—1Jn. 11

22—WEDNESDAY

Mr. and Mrs. McDaniel (Nennia Bartlett) and Miss Sophie Lanneau, educational work, Soochow, China

We have confidence in the Lord touch us you.—11 Thess. 3:4

23—THURSDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Swenson (Anna Cradberg)—on Jurlough—evangelistic and educational work, Bahia Blanca, Argentina

In Thy presence is fullness of joy.—Psa. 16:11

24—FRIDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Williams (Lawrie Smith), educational, literary and evangelistic work, Shanghai, China; also Daniel Smith Williams, Margaret Fund student

Beware that thou forget not the Lord, thy God.—Deut. 8:11

25—SATURDAY

Misses Virginia Gannaway, Vivian Hedgepath and Esther Wenzel, educational work, Acadia Academy, Church Point, La.

Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you.—Jas. 4:8

26—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. Carson (Grace Schimmel)—on Jurlough—evangelistic and educational work, Sapele, Africa

I thank my God upon every remembrance of you.—Phil. 1:3

27—MONDAY

Faithful observance of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions and the Annie W. Armstrong Offering, Feb. 27-Mar. 5 (See pages 1, 6-9, 35-36)

Continue in prayer and watch in the same with thanksgiving.—Col. 4:2

28—TUESDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Eddleman (Sarah Fos), evangelistic work, and Miss Kate Ellen Gruver, educational and evangelistic work, Nazareth, Palestine

The Lord will not forsake His people for His great name's sake.—1 Sam. 12:22

Attended N.M.U. Training School

Attended Southern Training School

Attended Baptist Bible Institute



STEWARDSHIP SUGGESTIONS



Southwide Stewardship Chairmen: Mrs. Carter Wright, Alabama

BAPTIST HUNDRED THOUSAND CLUB

IN OUR calendar of denominational activities February as well as January is especially devoted to the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club. This Club has been in operation since the Convention of 1933, its purpose being to pay southern Baptist debts of nearly six million dollars. In a holy zeal southern Baptists had enlarged their borders by training and sending out more missionaries, opening new stations and erecting needed new buildings. Southern Baptists had subscribed more than sufficient funds to take care of all our work. But the funds did not come in to cover the expenditures. The Hundred Thousand Club, briefly, hoped to secure at least one hundred thousand members among more than four million southern Baptists who by paying one dollar a month would in three years be able to pay our debt. The Club has never come up to these expectations. In many churches it has not been presented and but faintheartedly in many others.

In spite of all this the plan is good and has accomplished much. From June 1933 through September 1938, there has been paid by its means \$904,144.94—or nearly one million dollars.

This movement deserves the hearty support of all of our people. The debt belongs to all. The Club memberships are of such varied kinds that no one need be left out. Many would join if they were approached. If the cause were laid upon their hearts many consecrated Christians would join even though it required a sacrifice to do so. Our sacrifices will one day become our greatest joy!

Woman's Missionary Union has had a large part in this movement. According to figures our members contributed more than 63% of what was given to the Club in 1937.

There are those who joined the Club when it began who are staying by it. Many long to see our debt paid. We must persevere. We must do all we can. Are we giving all we can? What more can we do?

There are still millions of unconsecrated dollars in Baptist possession being used for luxuries and personal enjoyment—dollars which belong in God's treasury. The title of 228,853 members—the 73% of the women of Woman's Missionary Union who are not tithers—could do wondrous things in Kingdom building and debt-paying. They are potential Club members.

Let it be one of our determined aims to secure more members to the Club! They are needed and we can get them.

It will take prayer. It will take an earnestness and courage which can come only through prayer. And let us pray that our people may find great joy in proclaiming the Kingdom. When our people can find such joy in giving, our debts will be paid; burdened hearts will be relieved; the Gospel light will shine the swifter for millions in darkness awaiting the coming of this great Light.—Mrs. George Amslee, Stewardship Chairman of Tennessee

REVIVAL (Concluded from Page 5)

Let us speak the Word. Let us urge with all longsuffering and teachings. The time may come when the lust of the world will harden many hearts, but we must speak and pray and be faithful even unto death, and as many as are ordained to eternal life will be saved. Study! Pray! Witness! Believe!

BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Miss Inabelle Coleman, Virginia

SUGGESTIONS

Baptist Young Women in Christian Training Overseas, by Charles E. Maddry, is the newest free tract of the Foreign Mission Board. (For every member of your circle, order a copy from Miss Mary M. Hunter, Foreign Mission Board, Box 1595, Richmond, Virginia.)

Place cards, party favors, decorations, souvenirs, gifts—all from overseas—are available at the little curio shop at the Foreign Mission Board. (Secure price list and order from Miss Mary M. Hunter, Box 1595, Richmond, Virginia.)

The Commission for February features women's work. The cover in colors, *The Pioneer Woman*, will make a beautiful challenging poster announcing this meeting. The contents contain several articles and pictures interpreting Woman's Missionary Union around the world. This issue is an invaluable supplement to this program. Send subscriptions (only 50 cents for a year) to Business Manager, John Hall Jones, Box 1595, Richmond, Virginia.

Let us pray personally, individually for one missionary for one day this month. On small cards, write the date, the verse and the name for every day of this month's *Calendar of Prayer* (see pages 13-14), and by these paste the picture of the missionary—clip from *Album of Southern Baptist Foreign Missionaries* (75c from Baptist Book Store serving your state). Give a card to every member as she arrives. During the program (W.M.U. Prayer Plans on Page 22) refer to these cards and comment upon this call and opportunity.

TOPIC: The GREAT COMMISSION and PRAYER and STUDY

Follow the outline and suggestions on pages 18-27.

It was a benediction a little while ago, when I was in Memphis, to be led first to the B.W.C. Prayer Room in that great Bellevue Baptist Church. Morning, noon and evening time find busy business women slipping silently into this retreat from the world to pray. It is their rendezvous with God. Other B.W.C.'s in other cities have similar trusting places with God—Prayer Rooms. Would that every B.W.C. would dedicate some central spot in the busy center of the city to God for the retreat of busy souls! "Come ye apart . . . and rest a while," says Jesus; and also, "He went . . . apart to pray".

A visitor to the mission fields is always impressed with the Christlike gentleness, patience, thoughtfulness, sacrifice, unselfishness and service of the national Christians, old and young. "Their secret of power and behavior is their prayer-life", is the missionaries' explanation. Tarrying awhile to visit in these Christian homes, one soon realizes how correct the missionaries are. A splendid, busy Chinese doctor directs the guest to the tiny improvised room on his house-top: "Here it is that I meet God at every dawn and, while I behold the sun come over yonder purple hills, I talk with God; I let Him talk to me; I am still before Him; I pledge my love to Him again and again; I come down from this little upper-room so conscious of His presence, that I live all day in fellowship with Him!"

The principal of a school shows the guest her prayer-closet in the attic of the school building. University students point out the waterfalls nearby, the summer-house by the lake, the prayer-room above the chapel.

At Seinan Jo Gakuin in Japan the Y.W.A. Prayer Room is a memorial to Matsuko Kajikawa, a former student. Her Christian parents gave the room in memory of their only daughter and as a challenge to Seinan girls to "come apart to pray and to study about God". The secret of every great life, whether young or old, is prayer.

If these thoughts, the program-gifts of Woman's Missionary Union to its B.W.C. members this month, will lead every Business Women's Circle to pause to think on these things, it may be that many a member will resolve, yes, pledge to God to establish for her own soul a place-of-retreat where, alone, she will daily seek to know God more intimately, to experience the presence of His spirit more deeply and, therefore, to live in more complete, unbroken fellowship with Him through every moment of life (John 15:4-5).

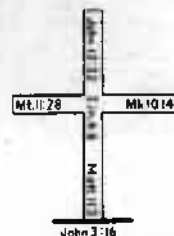


PROGRAM PLANS



Mrs. T. M. Pittman, North Carolina

With the PROGRAM COMMITTEE



be done" was certainly an oft-repeated petition.

We talk much of prayer today, we have our special seasons of prayer, yet how few of our women are giving themselves in prayer! The prayerfully desired outcome of this program should be: (1) to strengthen the prayer life of each individual member of the society through observance of the nine o'clock prayer hour and use of the Calendar of Prayer; (2) to strengthen the prayer life of the church by the Family Altar, Intercessory League of Shut-Ins, attendance on the prayer service of the church and cottage prayer meetings.

The Program Committee should first make a list of these purposes, then decide how to stress them and, in some measure, attain them. A woman who does observe the nine o'clock prayer hour and use the Calendar of Prayer should make the first talk. She should be willing to lay aside her feeling that her prayer life is too intimate to be talked about in a meeting. She should realize that she should share her blessed Christian experiences with others that they may be led to similar experiences. If the prayer hour and the use of the Calendar of Prayer have meant anything to a woman, surely she should wish others to receive the same blessings. If the old-time experience meetings were revived, how many of us would be ready to tell of some precious experience in prayer in the past twelve months? Are our prayers such "vague wishes", as someone has called them, that we do not remember them long enough to see if they are answered? (Pages 18-24)

After the first talk there should be a season of silent prayer when each woman is asked to question her own heart and decide if she will strive to adopt one or both of these prayer suggestions. Sentence prayers may follow.

The second talk should tell of the Family Altar, the needed building up of the mid-week prayer meeting and of the organized (or proposed) League of Shut-Ins and cottage prayer meetings. This should be a practical talk with a real suggestion to the society for strengthening the prayer life of the church. The pastor may be requested to stress the Family Altar in some sermon; the women may pledge themselves to more regular attendance at prayer meeting; a committee may be named to organize the League of Shut-Ins; the personal service committee may plan to conduct cottage prayer meetings. The talk may carry all of these suggestions and the president be asked to act on them.

The "Study" part of the program might be assigned to the mission study chairman. She might review the classes held in the society in 1936 and then outline the proposed work for this year. Pioneer Classes should be stressed. (Pages 24-27)

A very beautiful plan for this program is given by Mrs. Crampton; societies will do well to develop it as outlined. Let us pray that we may learn to pray.



PROGRAM for FEBRUARY



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

Prepared by Mrs. C. D. Creasman, Tennessee

THEME for YEAR: The GREAT COMMISSION—OUR MISSION

TOPIC for MONTH: The GREAT COMMISSION and the CHIEF AIMS of W.M.U.—PRAYER and STUDY

Hymn—"Tis the Blessed Hour of Prayer

Bible Study—Learning to Pray—Luke 11:1; Heb. 11:6; Eph. 6:17-20; I Thess. 5:17 (Pages 10-11)

Prayer that we may learn to pray with more power

Hymn—Sweet Hour of Prayer

Prayer

They Prayed—God Answered

Prayer that we may make use of every W.M.U. prayer plan for the development and enrichment of our own prayer lives and for the extension of the Kingdom

Home Mission Week of Prayer (See also pages 1, 6-9, 35.)

Prayer for God's blessings on the Home Mission Week of Prayer

Hymn—More about Jesus

Study and Missions

Prayer that we may make the most of every W.M.U. study plan

Hymn—I Love to Tell the Story

—Prayer and Missions

—W.M.U. Prayer Plans

—Study

—W.M.U. Study Plans

—Benediction (Page 27)

PRAYER

PRAYER is the soul's sincere desire,

Uttered or unexpressed;

The motion of a hidden fire

That trembles in the breast.

Prayer is the burden of a sigh,

The falling of a tear,

The upward glancing of an eye,

When none but God is near.

Prayer is the simplest form of speech

That infant lips can try;

Prayer, the sublimest strains that reach

The Majesty on high.

Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,

The Christian's native air,

His watchword at the gates of death;

He enters Heaven with prayer.

O Thou, by whom we come to God,

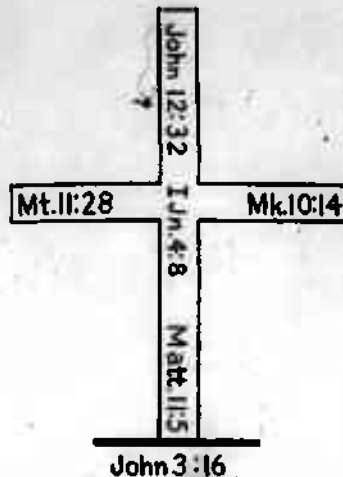
The Life, the Truth, the Way,

The path of prayer Thyself hast trod:

Lord, teach us how to pray!

—James Montgomery

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"Prayer should be the breath of our breathing, the thought of our thinking, the soul of our feeling, the life of our living, the sound of our hearing and the growth of our growing". "Prayer is the blending of finite desire with infinite will. It is the open channel through which God works His sovereign will. It is the Eden of earth where God walks in the cool of the day; the aftermath of song at the twilight hour; the border land of eternity where God and man meet. Prayer is the afterglow, the tower room of the soul where warm sunlight streams in. Prayer is the silence that comes when it is 'toward evening and the day is far spent'. It is the weary child turning to the Father for rest. It is the stair on which we climb to meet the will of God. It is the ladder set up on earth, the top of which reaches Heaven, where angels ascend and descend. It is the daily manna, the

mercy seat, the golden altar, the song in the night, the compass on the sea. It is the fountain that forever pours out its stream of peace. It is the water of life of which we drink and never thirst, the bread we eat and never hunger. Prayer is the listening heart, the expectant wait, the active faith, the pearl of greatest price. Prayer is the heart unveiled, the curtain rent, the guest chamber open. Lord, 'make my heart a house of prayer!'"

(Note—The above quotations from Mrs. Rosalie Mills Appleby of Brazil and the preceding poem by James Montgomery should be given as a reading while "Sweet Hour of Prayer" is played softly on the piano. As the musical reading starts let a young woman, dressed in a white robe, enter bearing a placard on which is printed in large letters the word PRAYER. She hangs this on one side of the wall of the room, facing the audience, and kneels as if in prayer until the reading is finished and then rises and takes a seat near the placard where she stays throughout the program.)

PRAYER and MISSIONS

PRAYER and missions must go together—they cannot be separated. Certainly there can be no missions without prayer, and there cannot be much prayer which is not missionary in its spirit. The presence of the Holy Spirit is the promised power of those who obey the Great Commission, and the continuation of His presence is assured only through prayer. Therefore prayer is the power of the missionary enterprise. "God's greatest agency for winning men back to Himself is the prayer of other men".

Missions started in prayer. It was while the apostles prayed in the upper room at Jerusalem that the Holy Spirit descended, bringing Pentecost, the real beginning of Christian missions. It was as the church was praying in Antioch that the Holy Spirit led them to separate Barnabas and Saul for foreign mission work. It was while Paul was praying at Troas that a man appeared in a vision saying, "Come over into Macedonia and help us". So was every step in the early progress of missions made through prayer. The New Testament book which is entitled "The Acts of the Apostles" is really the acts of the Holy Spirit in answer to the prayers of the apostles.

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The modern missionary movement also began in prayer. Almost half a century before Carey the Christians of England and North America engaged in what was called the "Concert of Prayer"—praying for the conversion of the heathen world. As a result of these many years of praying the day came when twelve Baptist ministers met in the home of a praying woman, Widow Wallace, and organized the Society for the Evangelization of the Heathen. This Society sent William Carey as its first missionary. And so modern missions began. A few years later a group of students in America felt the urge to pray for world-wide evangelism, the famous Haystack Prayer Meeting was held, and America's first missionaries went to a foreign land. All missionary movements from that early day till this have been initiated and promoted by prayer.

All great missionaries have been men and women of prayer. William Carey prayed, using his cobbler's bench as an altar and a map of the world for a prayer book as he talked to God about giving the Gospel to the heathen world. Livingstone died on his knees praying for Africa. Adoniram Judson's life was a great testimony to the power of answered prayer. David Brainerd prayed: "Here I am, Lord, send me; send me to the ends of the earth; send me to the rough and savage pagans of the wilderness; send me from all that is called comfort in the earth; send me even to death itself, if it be but in Thy service and to promote Thy Kingdom".

Prayer is the power in the planning of our missionary work. The members of our missionary boards are praying men. They realize that only God can give them wisdom in the great task which is theirs in the planning and directing of missionary work on home, state and foreign fields. The leaders of our W.M.U. are praying women, asking God to guide every step taken for the promotion of His Kingdom through our organization. All of these leaders of ours need and crave our continued prayers on their behalf.

Prayer is the power in obtaining money for missions. If we had more praying we would have more paying. Many stories are told of missionaries and other Christian workers praying for definite sums of money for definite needs and of the very amounts coming from most unexpected sources.

Prayer is the power in the calling of workers for the mission fields. We are told to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into the harvest. Prayer is the only safe method of choosing missionaries. Unprayed-for volunteers may be called rather by adventure and the spirit of daring than by the Spirit of God, and such missionaries can never do God's work in God's way. Real missionaries must be recruited through prayer.

Prayer is the power of the work of missionaries. Today, as at all times, all missionaries of power are powerful in prayer. Read the letters and articles which come from the pens of our missionaries today and note how much they talk of prayer. They speak humbly of their own prayer lives and of their need of more praying. They tell of how native Christians pray. They tell of God's answers to prayer. They plead for our prayers.

This leads us to a realization of the part that we can have in the work of the missionaries by praying for them. Through prayer we can obey the Great Commission and go to all nations with the Gospel message. "Prayer opens a whole planet to a man's activities. I can as really be touching hearts for God in far away India or China through prayer as though I were there. Today a half hour is spent in China—tomorrow's bit of time is largely spent in India perhaps. And so a man with a narrow outer horizon and the broad inner horizon pushes his spirit way through Japan, Persia etc., the homeland, its cities, frontiers, slums, the home town, the home church, the man across the alley, in and out, out and in, the tide of prayer sweeps quietly, resistlessly, day by day".

PRAYER and MISSIONS! They must go together. How then can we call ourselves missionary and fail to pray? By doing so we are failing to use our strongest weapon. We are weak when we could be strong—we fail when we could succeed, if only we prayed as we should. "Christianity needs today above all else men and women who can in prayer put God to the test and who can prove His promises. When this happy day for the world begins it will be earth's brightest day and will be Heaven's dawning on earth".

THEY PRAYED—GOD ANSWERED

During the great Shantung revival in China a skeptical doctor said that he would believe in the power of Christianity when two of his patients walked. One was a paralytic who had not walked in eighteen years, and the other had not walked for twenty-eight years. The Christians prayed and both of these women walked. The skeptical doctor saw the miracle and believed.

They prayed.—God answered.

During the depression the Foreign Mission Board had decreed that a certain missionary could not return to his field. This missionary gave himself to several days of continued prayer. One afternoon at a certain hour he said to his wife: "My prayer is answered, I am going back to China". At that same hour a certain man said to friends with whom he was spending the afternoon, "I feel impressed to send this missionary back to China and I am going to do it".

He prayed.—God answered.

A Baptist preacher in Cuba invited another preacher to go with him to the home of some of his relatives, hoping to reach them with the Gospel. They were received very coolly and given to understand that neither they nor their message were welcome. Sometime later the preacher who had invited his friend to that home came to him saying: "Those relatives of mine are coming to church, ready to be baptized". "How did it happen?" asked the other preacher. The answer was, "I just kept praying and reading the Scripture to them".

He prayed.—God answered.

Missionaries in Africa were strongly advised by doctors to take their daughter, who was very ill, home to America. But what would happen to their work which at that time was especially needing their attention? The missionaries and Christian friends, believing that God could overrule the doctor's advice, took the matter to Him in prayer. The girl was completely restored and the missionaries have been able to go on with their work.

They prayed.—God answered.

An old woman in the far interior of Brazil was converted by reading the Word of God which accidentally fell into her hands. She began praying that someone would come that she might hear a Gospel sermon and be baptized. Her prayer was answered: the missionary came. After baptizing her and nine others whom she had won to Christ, the missionary went his way and many years passed by. Finally another missionary felt the call to go into the interior. He made several plans which did not include the town in which the old lady lived, but all these plans failed. Finally when he made a plan which included this town, all went well, and one Sunday morning he walked into the house where lived the old

lady, now ninety-six years old. When she saw the missionary she wept with joy as she said; "Young man, you may not know it, but you came here in answer to prayer, for I had asked the good Jesus to send someone to preach His Word to me before I should go into His presence".

She prayed.—God answered.

W.M.U. PRAYER PLANS

FIRST in the list of W.M.U. Chief Aims is PRAYER. We place it not only first in the list but first in importance, realizing that as a missionary organization the success of all our work depends on prayer. Splendid prayer plans are used as helps in leading members of W.M.U. in both individual and united prayer.

Family Altars—Happy the child that hears his father pray every day at the family altar! Happy the family that builds the life of the home around the mercy seat! In the hurry and flurry of modern life so few homes have a family altar. Christian parents excuse themselves by saying that there is no time when the family can be brought together for daily devotions. Surely a time should be made for this most important phase of family life. There is time for housekeeping, there is time for school work, there is time for business pursuits, there is time for social pleasures, there is time for entertaining friends; surely there could be found time for the most important thing in the world—communion with God. If there were more family altars there would be fewer family problems—less drinking, smoking, divorces and crimes; more young people walking in the ways of righteousness; fewer boys and girls in the dance halls and more in the church services, fewer in the jails and more in high places of Christian living.

Build a family altar,
Kneel there every day,
Your family kneeling with you,
To join you as you pray.

Not only will such praying
A Kingdom force become;
But God will be there with you—
A blessing to your home.

Calendar of Prayer—Happy the W.M.U. woman who has learned to keep time with prayer through the use of the Calendar of Prayer! There is perhaps no other plan of W.M.U. that so unites the hearts of southern Baptist women as the use of this prayer calendar found in *Royal Service* and the W.M.U. young people's magazines every month. It means that every day thousands of women are praying for the same missionary or the same cause. What a blessing it is to our own hearts to know that by following this plan of daily prayer we will at some time during the year pray for every home and foreign S.B.C. missionary and for every cause fostered by southern Baptists! And what a blessing it is to the missionaries to know that on at least one day of the year the prayers of southern Baptists are centered on them and their work. Many stories are told of special blessings coming to special missionaries on the special day when their names appeared in the Calendar of Prayer. We can imagine the joy of a missionary family on their special prayer day. They awaken that morning with a feeling of unusual joy and security because they know that already prayers are rising on their behalf. All through the day they picture women in the homeland praying for them. They know that at many family altars their names are mentioned. They know that at all circle and society meetings earnest prayer is made for them. If there are Margaret Fund sons or daughters in the family they feel especially near to them, because they know that in the prayers of W.M.U. women the names of these young men and women and their parents rise together to the Heavenly Throne. When the day is over they feel blessed and strengthened, and there is a loving closeness between their hearts and the hearts of the women in the homeland who remembered to pray for them.

Use your Calendar of Prayer,
And use it every day;
As Baptist women everywhere
Join in the prayer you pray.

Thus hearts of workers here and there
Are blessed and helped each day,
And your own heart these blessings shares
Because you paused to pray.

Nine o'Clock Prayer Hour—Woman's Missionary Union has adopted nine o'clock in the morning as the special hour of prayer for world-wide missions. How wonderful is the thought that all over the southland and in many other parts of the world women pause amid their morning duties to breathe a prayer for the coming of the Kingdom! Let us not become so busy with our morning work, so engrossed with the plans of the day that we forget about this period of prayer. Even if it is impossible to go to a secret place—in the office, in the school room, on the street, amid the busy work of housekeeping, the heart can breathe a prayer to God for world-wide missions. Surely He who said, "If two of you shall agree", will answer when thousands pray at the same time, "Thy Kingdom come".

Cottage Prayer Meetings—One of the most effective forms of personal service by W.M.U. members is the conducting of cottage prayer meetings. By these meetings the Gospel is carried into the homes of the people. Whenever possible cottage prayer meetings should be held in the homes where there are unconverted people. If they are held in Christian homes, efforts should be made to get the unconverted to attend. These meetings properly conducted, build up the spiritual life of the Christians attending and are a wonderful means of winning the lost to Christ.

Intercessory League of Shut-ins—During the Ruby Anniversary there was started the Intercessory League of Shut-ins. So splendid was this work of enlisting shut-ins in the beautiful service of prayer for the Kingdom that the plan has been made a permanent one. Those who are physically weak are often spiritually strong. Those who are unable to render active service are often glad to feel that they are doing their part through prayer. Dr. Glenn Clark speaks of the Christian shut-ins as "the greatest unused resources of America. The richest storehouses of potential possibilities are these people who think their lives are of the least account". Our splendid plan of utilizing this power in prayer should be promoted more and more by the societies. The shut-ins should be visited and told about the plan. They should be made to realize that by praying they are rendering the greatest possible missionary service.

Seasons of Prayer—A mighty source of power are the three seasons of prayer observed yearly by Woman's Missionary Union. The first of these is for home missions, to be observed this year February 27-March 3. Then in September or October comes the state mission season observed in each state at the time and according to the plans decided on in the states. As the crowning event of the year comes the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions in December. In our eagerness to make the offerings of these seasons as large as possible we must not forget the prayer feature of the seasons. The more we pray the more blessed will these seasons be to our own hearts, to our societies and to the causes for which they are held. The more we pray the larger will be our gifts, for praying hearts are always paying hearts.

Prayer Helps—The W.M.U. provides some splendid helps in promoting prayer. In *Royal Service* each month are the Calendar of Prayer, the "Pray Ye" page suggesting objects of prayer to be remembered through the month, Family Altar page with suggested Bible readings for each day to aid in the worship at the family altar. Then the W.M.U. furnishes a booklet, "Prayer—the Golden Chain", designed to help the individual woman in her devotional

life. Three splendid books on prayer are included in the W.M.U. study courses: "How to Pray" by Dr. R. A. Torrey, "Intercessory Prayer" by Dr. J. G. K. McClure and "Prayer" by Dr. O. Hallsby. The last book named has been recently added to the course and has been pronounced by Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence as the best book on prayer that she has found. (For ordering these books and booklet consult your State Baptist Book Store.)

HOME MISSION WEEK of PRAYER

THE time for the Home Mission Week of Prayer draws near. The plans made seem most interesting and promise a most blessed season. The theme chosen is "Forward in Faith", based on the Scripture, "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed" (*Josh. 13:15*). The book to be studied in preparation for the week has been written by Mrs. Joe W. Burton of Atlanta, Georgia, and bears the challenging title, "Go Forward". The program outline for the week is as follows:

Monday: "And seeing the multitudes"—*Matt. 5:1a*

Work among the Negroes, Mountain Missions

Tuesday: "Say unto them: The Kingdom of God is come nigh"
—*Luke 10:9, 11*

Work among the Jews; Home Missions in the City; the Deaf; Italians; Chinese

Wednesday: "That in the name of Jesus every knee should bow"
—*Phil. 2:10*

Home Missions among Spanish-speaking People: Cubans, Mexicans, Spanish-Americans

Thursday: "That every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord"
—*Phil. 2:11*

Indians, French

Friday: "Ye shall receive power. . . . Ye shall be My witnesses"—*Acts 1:8*

Let us prepare for the week

1st, by beginning now to pray earnestly for the season

2nd, by planning to observe the whole week with meetings every day, ending with Friday as a day of praise and prayer

3rd, by each woman looking ahead to have the week as free as possible of other obligations that she may be able to give herself to the observance of the season

4th, by each woman planning to make her offering as large as possible.

Remember that originally this was called a "Self Denial Offering". Let each one of us resolve to make some sacrifice that her gift may be a large one for the 1939 Annie W. Armstrong Offering for Home Missions this March.

STUDY

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed". Through study we get missionary information that gives missionary education, that gives missionary inspiration, that brings missionary consecration, that leads to the dedication of lives for the salvation of those of every nation. When we know about missions we grow with missionary zeal, we go to missionary fields and we grow in missionary grace. With Angela Morgan we exclaim:

Look to the work the times reveal,
Give thanks with all thy flaming heart,
Crave but to have in it a part.
Give thanks and clasp thy heritage

To be alive in such an age.
To be alive in such an age!
To live in it,
To give to it!

(Note—The above poem and preceding sentences should be given as a reading while "More about Jesus" is played softly on the piano. A young woman wearing a long white robe enters, carrying a placard on which the word STUDY is printed in large letters. She hangs this placard on the front wall of the room, to correspond with the PRAYER placard on the other side, and sits in a chair placed just below the placard with a book in her hand in an attitude of study. She keeps this position till the end of the program.)

STUDY and MISSIONS

AT the foundation of all missionary work lies knowledge, because people must know before they can feel and do. The early disciples had to know the Great Commission before they could obey it. Today only those who know about missions are doing anything for missions. And those who would know about missions must study missions.

The lives of great missionaries reveal the fact that many have been called to missionary fields through the reading of missionary books. William Carey read the journal of David Brainerd and "received from it his most permanent impulse to missionary consecration". Reading the story of Carey's work in India was one of the influences which led Henry Martyn into missionary service. A tract, "The Star in the East", written by a missionary in India led Adoniram Judson to give his life to foreign missions. Reading the life of Ann Judson inspired Henrietta Hall Shuck to be a missionary. Reading about Livingstone first fixed the mind of the boy, Basil Lee Lockett, on Africa. It would be interesting to call the roll of our missionaries on the fields today to ascertain how many of them heard the call of God through the pages of some missionary book. We doubt if there is a one of them who would not testify to the influence of missionary literature in leading him or her into missionary work.

And who among us would be engaged in missionary work if we had not at sometime been taught about missions? It is because we know about missions that we glow with missionary zeal and, through the work of our denomination, go to all nations with the Gospel.

Mission study is intertwined with prayer and stewardship. Mission study makes our praying more definite and more powerful. An ignorant Christian in Africa was once found studying the map of the world. He explained, "I am trying to find more places to pray for". Through mission study we find more places, more people, more needs, more causes—more things—to pray for. And moreover, it gives us more faith that our prayers will be answered, for the whole story of missions is the story of answered prayer. Certainly mission study leads to mission giving, for the more we know about the wonderful fruits of the missionary work which our money supports the more money we want to give that there may be more missionary fruits.

Mission study is an important part of missions and one of the means whereby Christians are led to obey the Great Commission. "It brings the world to Baptist women, making them intelligent in their praying, giving and going. It takes Baptist women into the world, where the influences they set in motion change the course of nations". (Mrs. Una R. Lawrence)

W.M.U. STUDY PLANS

Bible Study—The beginning of mission study is Bible study. We go to the Bible to find a reason for missions, the plan of missions, the power for missions and the assurance of success in missions. The W.M.U. does not include a comprehensive and thorough study of the Bible in its plans; that type of Bible study is the function of the Sunday school and of special Bible classes which are

conducted in many churches and communities. The special Bible work of the W.M.U. is its study from the missionary viewpoint: this type of Bible study itself is comprehensive, for the Bible is a missionary book from beginning to end. Bible historians told the story of missions; Bible poets sang about missions; Bible prophets foretold missions; Bible priests typified missions; Bible apostles proclaimed missions. The special function of W.M.U. Bible study is to help women and young people to see the whole world in the whole Word and to realize their obligation to give the whole Word to the whole world. The three books recommended as aids in the study of the missionary message of the Bible are "All the World in All the Word", Dr. W. O. Carver; "Missions in the Bible", Dr. J. B. Lawrence; "Missionary Lessons from the Bible", Mrs. A. L. Aulick; the one for Y.W.A. study being "The Bible a Missionary Book", Dr. J. B. Lawrence.

Mission Study—By splendidly planned courses the W.M.U. leads its members in a study of world-wide missions. These courses include books on W.M.U. history, general missionary history, missionary biography, W.M.U. methods, soul winning, prayer, stewardship and books concerning the work on all mission fields. The study of these books "is a thrilling proof of the truth of the Bible". Through this study of world-wide missions we see that the Gospel is powerful for the salvation of those of all nations. We see that those who go to all nations with the Gospel are blessed by the continued presence of the Holy Spirit. We see that when the Gospel is accepted and lived it changes lives and communities and nations. Mission study may be done either by individuals or by groups or classes. These classes may bring together women of circles, societies or of larger areas. A Church School of Missions is a splendid plan of enlisting the entire church membership in mission study. Mission Study Institutes in associations, districts and states have been most helpful in training teachers for mission classes. It is the purpose of our Southwide Mission Study Chairman that there shall be "(1) a trained mission study teaching force for all ages in all churches; (2) more participation of members in actual study; and (3) definite results in knowledge, in vision, in consecration, in prayer and in gifts". (Mrs. W. J. Cox in "Following in His Train")

Pioneer Classes—A special plan of mission study promoted during the Golden Jubilee Year was pioneer classes, enlisting those who had never studied missions before. So great were the benefits of these classes that the plan is continued into this year. We hear missionaries describe the joy of telling the story of Jesus to those who have never heard it before. Close akin to that is the thrill that comes from teaching a mission study book to those who have never studied missions before. What a joy it is to see their faces light up with interest and to watch that interest grow into something deeper and more lasting, as the glories of the missionary enterprise dawn upon them. Such has been the joyful experience of teachers of pioneer classes. There is room for classes of this type in practically every church. Such a class can be held in those churches where there are no missionary organizations and could easily be used as the first step in forming organizations of W.M.U. And even in churches where there are W.M.U. organizations will be found groups who have never been enlisted in mission study. A pioneer class may be very small—just a teacher with three or four other women, or it may be large, enlisting a great group of men and women or young people, or perhaps a whole congregation in some church where a missionary organization is an unknown thing.

Missionary Programs—In thinking of W.M.U. plans of study we must not forget missionary programs—one of the most important and powerful forms of missionary education. People can be reached through missionary programs who will perhaps never be reached by study classes. Missionary interest can first

be kindled by programs which may lead to further study in mission classes. Therefore how important that the best possible use be made of the regular missionary programs. Missions is the most interesting topic in the world; therefore to have a missionary program which is dull and uninteresting is a calamity and a shame to any missionary society. Our utmost in thought and time and study and prayer should be given to our missionary programs that they may be attractive and appealing, interesting and inspiring, pleasing and powerful, spicy and spiritual.

Literature—Missionary literature is a most important part of mission study. And how rich we are in such literature, with our three W.M.U. magazines: "Royal Service", "The Window of Y.W.A." and "World Comrades"; with the two magazines furnished by the Home and Foreign Boards: "Southern Baptist Home Missions" and "The Commission"; with our splendid mission study books and more being written and studied every year; and with leaflets, playlets etc. which can be obtained through our W.M.U. Literature Department. These are the tools of mission study. These are the treasure chests to which we can go to find precious gems of missionary knowledge. With such a wealth of literature available there is no reason why all of us should not be "approved workmen".

These study plans of W.M.U. render a twofold ministry. *First*, they bless the cause of missions for, as has been said, mission study is a great power in producing missionary giving, living and praying. If every southern Baptist could know about missions we believe that all who have really been born again would be enlisted in missionary work. The more our people know the more they are going to do and the faster will come the Kingdom. *Second*, mission study is a great blessing to those who study. It provides a university where we may continue our education long after our school days are over. It aids one not only to touch spirits with those who have lived in ages passed but also to keep abreast with the great forces in action on the world's stage today. And of course greater still are the spiritual blessings that come from mission study as our souls are fed with spiritual food, as our hearts are stirred with spiritual zeal and as we see ourselves a part of those great spiritual forces that are moving the destiny of this world according to the plan of God.

BENEDICTION

(While the pianist plays softly "I Love to Tell the Story", the two young women wearing white robes arise, take from the wall the two placards and stand side by side holding them while the leader leads the audience in the following benediction.)

Leader—With our minds and hearts fixed on PRAYER and STUDY as two great means by which we can obey the Great Commission of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and by which we can tell the story of His love to all nations, let us stand and repeat together our 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

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.

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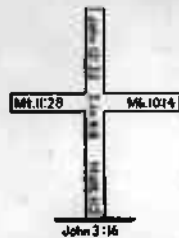


OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



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

PATRIOTISM and the SEASON of PRAYER



With nationalistic spirits running high these days and with February's historic birthdays likely to lead to much extreme Americanism, it is well that the call to pray for home missions sounds out at once. February 27-March 3 is the week appointed for the observance of the Season of Prayer for Home Missions and the ingathering of the Annie W. Armstrong Offering. From every aspect we need to pray for an increased evidence of the abiding spirit of Christ in America. Our praying will be especially for our Home Mission Board and its work; but all such work relates to economic conditions, to national attitudes toward war, to our grave liquor problem, to our serious inter-racial perplexities, to the grievous increase in crime and so on through all the catalogue of our national ills. At base the case is clear—"righteousness exalteth a nation". Our need is for a redeemed people who will live up to their redemptive privileges and responsibilities. Here home missions serves intensively and extensively; for a forward movement in this we can ask God's blessing in all good faith.

We want every W.M.U. young people's organization to have its own prayer meeting. Make adequate preparation for this as is suggested in the special Season of Prayer programs distributed through the regular channels of the State W.M.U. and as discussed in February *World Comrades*. Organizations, meeting customarily twice a month, may combine two of the suggested missionary programs and use one of the two meetings as the Season of Prayer meeting if it is impossible to have a third gathering in the month, but the organization's prayer service must be in addition to at least one regular missionary meeting. It should be quite different in atmosphere and procedure also: this is a prayer meeting. The brief talks and stories are to present and recall

definite prayer needs; but the praying is the major emphasis of this meeting.

Many churches like to devote Wednesday night of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions to a program on home missions presented by the W.M.U. of the church. Such a program can readily be built up from the material sent to the several organizations of the church. For instance, the G.A.'s. F.O.R-W-A-R-D placards could be used, with an R.A. leading the devotional on Faith, with G.A.'s, Y.W.A.'s and R.A.'s presenting talks from their material on Opportunities, Races, Wanderers; Sunbeams could bring a story, marching and singing of their intention to "keep telling the story"; an R.A. could read the Appeal from Dr. Lawrence, the G.A.'s gathering the offering and presenting it with the dedication service they have worked out. It might help adults immensely to join in the childhood song as the Sunbeams sing it with missionary words. Sometimes memory and reminiscence make "chords that were broken vibrate once more" with an almost forgotten interest in mission. Such a Wednesday night service would not be a real observance of this season by any one of the W.M.U. young people's organizations—that should be done without audience.

Encourage the members of our young people's organizations to come into the all-day prayer service on Friday. Giving them some little part in the service after school hours would help them to feel they were really wanted.

Be sure that the Y.W.A.'s study the preparatory book, "Go Forward". This is for them and it is expected they will use it well, bringing knowledge from it as a background for their desire to pray for home missions. (See pages 6-9.) In colleges and hospitals a whole chapel week can be devoted to daily prayer services, or noonday or vesper hours can thus be used.

Setting a worthy goal for the gift of each organization will be of great help in reaching and over-passing the southwide goal of \$125,000 for the Annie W. Armstrong Offering. Look carefully at the list of missionaries to be supported and work to be done by this very money. The Home Mission Board counts on this gift to carry the stated objectives through the year. Rather than merely reach the \$125,000 goal, we want to exceed the total gifts of 1938, which would mean some \$140,000 to be gathered in. All and more are gravely needed. Prayerfully let us give generously, for the cause of righteousness in our beloved America, in our dear southland. (See pages 35-36.)

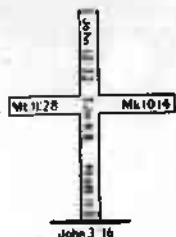


COLLEGE Y. W. A.



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

LOOKING and PREPARING



to their younger sisters and to learn of the amazing progress in Girls' Auxiliary in the past few years.

It will be delightful for the nurses in a Grace McBride Y.W.A. to invite the members of Girls' Auxiliaries in churches, where the nurses worship, to the hospital for an afternoon or evening meeting, whichever seems wiser. Provision may be made with the hospital superintendent to show the girls quietly over the hospital. The G.A.'s can bring valentines with them to give to patients in the hospital—a different girl stepping quietly into different rooms with the token of loving thought. From seeing the equipment and the service rendered, girls may think in terms of becoming nurses in their own futures. After the tour, or in lieu of it if it does not seem wise, Y.W.A.'s and G.A.'s may meet together, telling each other of their organization activities. The nurses would probably enjoy seeing the pantomime of the G.A. hymn (price 10c from W.M.U. Literature Dept., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.) or a presentation of the play given in February *World Comrades*. G.A.'s could present a dramatization of "Two Big Eyes and Two Big I's", a story in February *World Comrades*, which is in keeping with the February program topic of W.M.U.

In the college situation it will be helpful for young women, going out to teach or to enter home church activities permanently or in summer vacation, to know about G.A. work with a view to becoming Girls' Auxiliary counselors. Let the Ann Hasseltine Y.W.A.'s tell about their organization and its work after a "look-see" for any girls who have not been through the college buildings, then let the G.A.'s tell about them. They can display the posters worked out in their January meetings illustrating their hymn; they can show

mission study scrapbooks, work done on the Forward Steps; they can present one of the plays as suggested above. If the girls understand they are guests of the Ann Hasseltine Y.W.A. for friendly reasons but also to help the members of Ann Hasseltine Y.W.A.'s to want to lead other Girls' Auxiliary organizations, they will think up clever plans of showing the attractiveness and deep values of Girls' Auxiliary. Let them show their manuals of Junior and of Intermediate G.A. and the counselor's copy of the Guide for G.A. Counselors (price 25c from W.M.U. Literature Dept.). They can show mission study and promotion certificates. They can tell about houseparties and camps and by all these ways create or rekindle an enthusiasm for leading girls in their early teens into missions. Then we hope Ann Hasseltine Y.W.A.'s will continue such a study, being fully ready for leadership in the summer months.

During February Ann Hasseltine and Grace McBride Y.W.A.'s will be making ready for their observance of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, February 27-March 3, 1939. Prior to the week, use the splendid preparatory study book, "Go Forward", written by Mrs. Joe W. Burton of Atlanta. This will open minds and hearts to home mission needs and give information that will lead to earnest prayer. Arrange to have morning watch, chapel, noonday or evening prayer services for this week devoted to this praying for home missions. Making America Christian calls for united prayer from all nurses and all college students, so this use of the general time is well merited. Read Dr. Lawrence's Appeal; give out the envelopes; set a goal for your campus as a worthy part of the \$125,000 southwide goal for the Annie W. Armstrong Offering. Study the list of objectives in February *Window of Y.W.A.* and see what the Home Board needs and how it will use this money. It is an over-and-above gift as far as our Cooperative Program pledges are concerned, but it is counted on and planned for by the Home Mission Board. (Pages 6-9, 35)

In the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for 1938 some generous giving was done. Blue Mountain College Y.W.A., Blue Mountain, Mississippi, gave \$188.50; the Grace McBride Y.W.A. at Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans gave \$12.50. What splendid record of our giving will we make in this Annie W. Armstrong Offering?



TRAINING SCHOOL



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

TRAINING IN SERVICE for SERVICE



Always been a vital part of the Training School's program of preparation. This practical work is under the direction of Miss Claudia Edwards assisted by the School's instructor in Missionary Education and the director of its Good Will Center. The following is an account of one project carried on by two students, Miss Kathleen Deakins of Tenn. and Miss Anna Taylor of Illinois.

DETENTION HOME

Our field work is at the Detention Home, an institution where juvenile delinquents and dependents are held pending the disposition of their cases by the Juvenile Court. There are two adjoining homes, one for colored and the other for white children. Two girls from the W.M.U. Training School and three young men from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary teach Sunday school classes and conduct devotional services each Sunday in both homes. Thus far this school year five of these young people have accepted Christ as their Savior.

There are many problems which are peculiar to this situation. Some of them which we have had to meet are:

Most of the juveniles come from very poor homes and many are from corrupting environments. Because of the lives

they have led and because of their home conditions, they have developed a defensive attitude which we must break down before our work can be effective. In view of the fact that many of these young offenders are only in our class one Sunday, the task of winning their confidence is doubly difficult.

We must take into account the abnormality of their background, training and attitudes; and for this reason, it is often impossible to use the Sunday school lessons as outlined in our publications. The supply of literature for this type of work is very meager.

Follow-up work has made this a particularly interesting field this year. We have studied the cases of two girls whose homes we have visited. One of these, a seventeen-year-old girl, is from an average home. Her father has a fairly good job, and her step-mother is a trained nurse. Friction between the girl and her step-mother caused the trouble in this case. She refused to attend high school and is anxious to become self-supporting and to get away from home. There seem to be many underlying factors in the case; and we feel that as soon as we can win her confidence, we shall be able to help her.

The other girl, age fourteen, was taken out of the state last summer for white slavery purposes by an older woman. She was returned to her family with the help of officers, and her case had to go through the Juvenile Court. The family is in destitute circumstances. There are four children in the home; the father is now serving a term in the work-house for non-support. According to the girl's mother, he has been given several work cards, but he refuses to work. When he does have any money, it is spent on drink and he seems to feel no responsibility whatever. The girl has been probated to her aunt for one year, and is now in school. The family is Catholic but, when we visited the home, the mother seemed anxious for the children to attend a Baptist church. Two of the children recently went to Sunday school and church with us.



FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



REGLA'S FIRST VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

THE last two weeks of August we held our first Daily Vacation Bible School in Regla. With an average attendance of thirty to thirty-five in our Sunday school, we calculated that forty-five was the very most we could expect, and we prepared all our handwork for that number. You can imagine the last-minute rush when we had nearly a hundred enrolled, with an average attendance of sixty.

Our house is not an ideal place for a Daily Vacation Bible School, but it was better than nothing. The primary class met in the large front room which we use for the church, the juniors met back in our dining room, the beginners met in our little living room. The two tables and little chairs we already had did not begin to be enough, so we improvised tables by placing between chairs leaves from the dining table and a shelf out of the wardrobe. Church benches had to be hauled back to the dining room to seat the juniors; they had to do their note-book work on their laps on cardboard squares we got from tablet backs and cereal boxes. We had quite a few of intermediate age but let them go with the juniors as the children here are rather backward in writing and spelling. The Sunday school and the W.M.S. gave the money to buy the flags and materials for handwork.

Mr. Caudill and I and Zoe Coira, a girl whose mother was English, were the main teachers, as we could use the English text-books of the Sunday School Board. Four Cuban girls helped us all or part of the time with the handwork and music. I started weeks ahead translating the songs and teaching them to the teachers, as I knew they would have to know them well to be able to teach

them to the children without a piano, there being only one piano.

One of the helpers has a small private school in her home, and she brought ten or fifteen of her children with her each day. This gave us contact with quite a few new children and thus openings into many new homes.

There is no doubt but what the handwork was the main attraction. We have very little literature in Spanish that carries with it directions for handwork; therefore both teachers and pupils were delighted with the handwork as suggested in the text-books we used. It makes us realize more than ever how important it is, in holding the attention and interest of the children, and makes us long to get across to our Cuban workers some ideas about handwork and its use in religious education.

At our closing exercises the room was filled to capacity. There were many new faces, people who had never before been in our evangelical services, parents and relatives of the new children who had attended. The children surprised even the teachers in the verses given from memory, songs and sword drills. They had learned an astonishing amount in two weeks, and some girls had learned to take part in a sword drill who had never handled a Bible in their lives. The handwork exhibit was beautiful, and the members of the church as well as the outsiders praised it highly.

Everybody, including the teachers who had worked tirelessly, wanted to know when we were going to have another "Escuela Biblica de Vacaciones". We believe something has been started that will go on bearing fruit here in the future.—Mrs. Herbert Caudill, Cuba

FINDING FAITHFUL WOMEN

SINCE my own heart has been so gladdened by seeing the Lord's workings through the young women whose salaries are paid by the fund sent out by the W.M.U. for work in the East River field in south China, I thought perhaps you too would like to hear about it. There are three of these young women in the upper part of the "Field"—Misses Lai and Tsam at Hoyun, Miss Poon at Sun Fung.

Last year when the Association met I was in language school and it was examination time, so I did not get to attend. This year Miss Pettigrew and I went up there. At one place, where we had to wait several hours and change buses, five Japanese planes came and tried to destroy a big concrete bridge a few miles away. At first we thought they were aiming at the bus station, so everyone took cover in a patch of woods not far away and watched their maneuvering. Three of the twenty bombs struck the floor of the bridge, which was wood, and went on through leaving no more damage than the small hole through which they went. Judging from the damage, the bombs must have all been small but they sounded mighty big to us!

The whole journey was tedious and tiresome, but we thank the Lord for giving us such glorious fellowship with the sisters and brethren. We truly had mountain top experiences up there in those mountains.

During the whole week Pastor Pong, the state evangelist, and Pastor Cheung, a veteran in the ministry, brought fine messages in the evenings. During the day we met early and late and enjoyed every bit of it. I've always enjoyed the reports from the churches, in the homeland as well as here, when they are given enthusiastically. The ordination of deacons in the Lin Ping church and the baptism of seven older women, four young women and one young man was a high hour indeed.

When we came to our W.M.U. meetings Miss Pettigrew was the only woman

present who had attended the Association last year. She told us something of what was done at that time and some of the hopes for the future. It was most glorious to see the response of the sisters as they elected officers and made plans to carry on. If only you could see them and know the history of their conversion and how Miss Putney taught them to read after they were sixty years old! They take turns going out with Miss Fung to visit in the homes to teach the Gospel. Miss Fung is a real leader among them.

Because it is hard for the women to buy many books for their study course they decided to contribute to a fund and buy books for the Associational W.M.U., then loan the books to the society desiring to study, thus passing them around. "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver", so I know He loves these women. My heart was simply bubbling over with joy at having the privilege of being a part of such a group. In planning for the visitation in homes, study courses and meetings, they rose courageously to a big task. They all work in the fields to make their living.

Seven fine young women take time to come each afternoon to study the Bible with Miss Fung, and those women are surely proud of them. Four of these were among those baptized.

By mountain chairs we went two days' journey back with Miss Poon to help her a week in her work. Because of being so inaccessible that is a less developed work and is more difficult. The women have never been organized there and so we helped them in their organization. Five enrolled in a Bible class and yesterday a letter from Miss Poon says seven more have come and they are meeting in the parlor of a Christian family. Miss Poon had been there three months.

Sun Fung is a walled city, with hundreds of villages clustered in the valley about it within a few minutes to an hour's walk. One afternoon between services we visited one of these villages near by where lived a former pupil of

Miss Putney's in the Koi Ming school. Two of the girls in that village had met Miss Poon before and decided they wanted to attend the Bible class. On our way home a woman was resting from setting out a field of rice. She thought she recognized Miss Poon, so asked if we weren't teachers of the Gospel. Upon our affirmative answer she asked to hear more of the Gospel. Four other women, just finishing a field near by, came running to hear. After about twenty minutes of teaching and answering their eager questions they had to go back to their work, but as they went their faces were very serious and they were repeating the truths softly as if they were

very precious. How the loving Heavenly Father must yearn over such ones!

When we got back to Hoyun we had the fine experience of seeing Miss Lai give her report of the W.M.U. meetings. The fire of her enthusiasm caught and the W.M.S. women responded gloriously. The older girls of the Bible class here are Christians and go with Miss Lai each Tuesday afternoon to visit in the homes and teach the Gospel. But they pledged themselves to greater zeal. And in their prayer meeting each Sunday afternoon they do seem so earnest about their families and friends. From this class of girls and women are two who wish to go to Pooi In next year for further training.—Floy Hawkins, China

Grateful acknowledgment is herewith made to Mrs. Lee Nichols of Booneville, Arkansas, for the meaningful and also attractive illustration on the front cover page of this magazine. It emphasizes not only the month's topic but also preparation for the March Week of Prayer for Home Missions. (See pages 6-9, 35.)

PROGRAM (Concluded from Page 27)

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. What is prayer?
2. Discuss prayer as a missionary force.
3. Tell of the influence of prayer in the lives of missionaries.
4. Discuss the importance of the family altar.
5. How is the Calendar of Prayer a blessing to individuals and the missionary cause?
6. Discuss cottage prayer meetings as an evangelistic opportunity.
7. What is the greatest service that shut-ins can render?
8. Mention some W.M.U. helps in promoting prayer.
9. Discuss plans for the approaching Home Mission Week of Prayer.
10. Discuss study as a force in the promotion of missions.
11. Discuss the Bible as a missionary book.
12. How are pioneer study classes of special value?
13. How may we make our programs more interesting and helpful?

REFERENCE MATERIAL

World Comrades	—The Window of Y.W.A.
Southern Baptist Home Missions	—The Commission
Prayer	O. Halleby
The Holy Spirit in Missions	Dr. A. J. Gordon
Prayer and Missions	Helen Barrett Montgomery
Real Prayer	Cortland Myers
The Possibilities of Prayer	Edward M. Bounds

CURRENT MISSIONARY EVENTS

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

"What a time to be in China!" is the caption of an article in the December issue of *The Missionary Review of the World* written by Dr. Courtney H. Fenn, for twenty-four years a missionary in China. Following are excerpts from Dr. Fenn's article of which there could be no finer report concerning the quality of the work of all and any group faithfully serving under the Great Commission anywhere.

"In response to the salutation, 'Aren't you glad you're not in China now?' the answer from the furloughed or retired China missionary is: 'No! I am distinctly sorry to be compelled to be out of China at this time and only wish I might go back.' And many of them are going back invigorated for a better service at the end of a regular furlough, but not a few are volunteering to abbreviate the normal furlough in order to join their mission associates in the most strenuous, yet the most interesting and rewarding ministry China missionaries have ever seen."

"Though God in His wisdom has not seen fit to restrain the excess of wrath (except in a marvelous preservation of missionary lives) He has, to an almost unbelievable degree, 'caused the wrath of man to praise Him'."

"Not only does the missionary ask for no exemption from the sorrows of the people but from the beginning has refused to accept such exemption when offered him. The thanks of the nation have been proclaimed by those highest in authority and there has been a spontaneous outburst of appreciation of the sacrificial love, like that of the Savior, of whose commission these friends of the west have not been ashamed."

"Those who have kept closely in touch with the events in China since July 1937 have been deeply impressed with the facts and implica-

tions of a widespread movement, which has been the inevitable consequence of the way in which the war has been carried on. Its significance may extend far beyond anything in the thought of either belligerent and may achieve as beneficent a purpose as did the dispersion of the first century Christians by the persecutions in Judea."

"As the Christians of the more fully evangelized provinces, driven from their homes, have migrated to Kwangsi, Kweichow, Yunnan and Szechuan, where new centers of evangelization and education are opening, people who 'sat in darkness' are seeing 'a great light' for the first time."

"The loving ministrations of missionaries and Chinese Christians to the need in China have aroused hundreds of thousands of the suffering people to ask: 'Why do these Christians devote themselves to our relief, wash our sores, heal our wounds, feed our bodies and instruct our minds? They must surely have something in their hearts we do not have: what is it? They say that they have learned it from Jesus Christ whose followers they are; from the merciful Savior, who they say, laid down His life for us as well as for them'."

"It is the general testimony that, through this deliberately and prayerfully chosen glad sharing, the prestige of the church and hospital never stood so high as it stands today; the infinite love of God for mankind has shone radiant as the one glorious hope of the world and is no longer thought of merely as an item in the doctrinal system from the west"

"As the writer of the Hunan Report says: 'One of the most beautiful flashes of silver in this struggle is the attitude of the Christians toward their enemies'. Though more wholeheartedly patriotic and resolved to win than ever before, 'there is no bitterness or hatred against the invaders'. Even the missionaries 'have marvelled at the Chinese Christians' lack of resentment and freedom from hatred. To listen to their prayers for China and Japan is like standing on holy ground'."

"What a time to be in China! indeed, in person or by the proxy of self-denying gifts. And the editor of this page would add: by persistent, agonizing prayer!"

LIST of DESIGNATIONS for \$125,000 GOAL of 1939 ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG OFFERING for HOME MISSIONS

(To Have Preference in Order Herewith Listed)

Below: of workers have preference over other items

General Work	
Mrs. Emma Leachman (Baltimore)	210
Mrs. L. J. Roberts (Baltimore)	1,000
Mrs. L. J. Roberts (Baltimore)	1,000
Education of Missionaries' Sons and Daughters (Margaret Ford)	4,000
Mrs. Wilma Bury (Baltimore)	1,000
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Work among the Dead	
Rev. and Mrs. A. O. Wilson, Dallas, Texas	1,200
Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Landon, Ft. Worth, Texas	1,200
Traveling Expenses for Wilson and Landon	700
Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Michaels, Monroeville, Ark.	600
Rev. J. W. Gurnea, Waco, Texas (Salary \$1,500; Expenses 1000)	1,600
Italians	
Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Mainfield, Tampa, Fla.	2,000
Mrs. Francis H. Taylor, Tampa, Fla.	1,000
Rev. and Mrs. A. Forciandoli, Birmingham, Ala.	1,000
Rev. and Mrs. Pascal Argyle, Evans, Okla.	1,000
Rev. and Mrs. L. Di Piero, Kansas City, Mo.	1,000
Mrs. Mary Hudson, Meritt, Ill.	700
Chinese	
Mrs. Otha Jewell, San Antonio, Texas (Va. Designation)	400
French	
Academy, Church Point, La. (Va. Des.)	1,000
Mrs. Vera Aguilard, Morgan City, La. (Va. Des.)	1,000
Rev. and Mrs. F. O. Fenton, Greenville, Ill. (Va. Des.)	1,000
Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Thibodeau, Rockledge, La. (Va. Des.)	1,000
Rev. and Mrs. Bertram De Ville, Montegut, La. (Va. Des. 1600)	1,600
Mountains	
Rev. and Mrs. M. E. Cobble, Andersonville, Tenn. (Salary and Traveling Expenses)	1,100
Rev. and Mrs. L. W. Martin, Jeff. Ky. (Salary and Traveling Expenses)	1,100
Rev. and Mrs. Bert Caldwell, Sandy Hook, Ky.	1,100
Mrs. Minnie Berry, Vicksburg, Ky. (Salary and Traveling Expenses)	900
Rev. and Mrs. Harvey Gray, Drown Colony, Ark.	1,000
Dr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Ridgeway, Caryville, Tenn.	1,100
Huncho Misions and Good Will Centers	
Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Neebrough, New Orleans, La.	1,000
Women's Emergency Home, New Orleans, La.	1,000
Mrs. Gladys Smith, New Orleans, La. (Sine G.W.C.)	1,000
Good Will Center, Birmingham, Ala.	1,000
Mrs. Bertha Walker, G.W.C., Birmingham, Ala.	1,000
Mrs. Harsh Robb, G.W.C., Baltimore, Md.	1,000
Mrs. Mary Reddy, G.W.C., Christopher, Ill.	600
Negroes	
Dr. and Mrs. Nathan M. Carter, Selma, Ala.	100
Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Fisher, Selma, Ala.	300
Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Hair (Wider), Columbia, S. C.	700
Work with Spanish-Speaking People	
Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Silva, Tampa, Fla.	1,200
Mrs. Aurelia Burt, Tampa, Fla.	100
Rev. and Mrs. Frank Ramirez, E. St. Louis, Ill.	2,000
Rev. and Mrs. Paul C. Bull, Bastrop, Texas	300
Rev. and Mrs. D. O. Bishop, Abilene, Texas (Part Time)	100
Rev. and Mrs. Andrew Corrales, Laredo, Texas	100
Rev. and Mrs. Alameda Cavazos, San Antonio, Texas	100
Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Delgado, Eagle Pass, Texas	100
Missionary as He Supplied, Dal Rio, Texas	700
Rev. and Mrs. Maria Garcia, San Antonio, Texas	1,200
Rev. and Mrs. I. E. Gammon, Austin, Texas	100
Rev. and Mrs. Victor Gonzalez, Bryan, Texas	600
Rev. and Mrs. Pascal Harris, Beaumont, Texas	700
Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Kelly, Pharr, Texas	1,200
Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Correll, Bastrop, Texas	700
Rev. and Mrs. John Ramirez, Lubbock, Texas	600
Mrs. Gladys McLaughlin, El Paso, Texas	600
Mrs. Lila Mae Weatherford, El Paso, Texas	600

Miss Gloria Ruiz, El Paso, Texas	400
Prof. and Mrs. A. Velez, El Paso, Texas	500
Rev. and Mrs. Geo. B. Minix, Brownsville, Texas	500
Rev. and Mrs. Elias Delgado, Corpus Christi, Texas	500
Rev. and Mrs. Hernandez Rios, Cameron, Texas	500
Rev. and Mrs. Emmett V. Rodriguez, Kerrville, Texas	500
Rev. and Mrs. D. Ruiz, San Angelo, Texas	500
Rev. and Mrs. Abel R. Suenz, Brownsville, Texas	500
Sonora, Texas (Missionary to Be Supplied)	500
Rev. and Mrs. A. N. Porter, Waco, Texas	1,100
Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Sanchez, Roswell, N. M.	1,200
Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Parker, Albuquerque, N. M.	500
Mrs. Mildred Bollinger Stein, E. St. Louis, Ill. (Va. Des.)	1,000
Prof. Felix Buldain, Bustrop, Texas	1,200
Rev. and Mrs. Oscar Hill, Alamogordo, N. M. (Va. Des. \$400)	400
Central, N. M. (To Be Supplied)	500

Indians

Miss Esther Sawttram, Cubore, N. M.	400
Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Stumph, Albuquerque, N. M. (Salary and Traveling Expenses)	2,100
Miss Pauline Cammack, Albuquerque, N. M. (Salary and Traveling Expenses)	1,020
Rev. and Mrs. Roe R. Beard, Pawnee, Okla.	1,100
Rev. and Mrs. A. Worthington, Pawhusks, Okla.	1,100
Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Hancock, McAlester, Okla.	1,200
Mrs. D. D. Cooper, Shawnee, Okla.	400
Miss Grace Clifford, Nardin, Okla.	100
Rev. and Mrs. R. N. Averitt, Calvert, Ala.	400
Rev. and Mrs. Willie King, Davis, Fla.	400

Cuban Work

Work in Cuba	10,000
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GOAL for OFFERING \$125,000

TO BE CORRECTED, PLEASE

Sincerely it is regretted that the name and title of Mrs. W. J. Cox were omitted from page 2 of January *Royal Service*. Please enter them on your copy.

Very important is it that the following corrections be made in the 1939 W.M.U. Year Book—

- 1—on page 34 omit word "active" before membership;
- 2—on page 51 add to books recommended for Y.W.A. Course the following:

The Bible a Missionary Book (J. B. Lawrence).....35c.

Grateful will the Birmingham W.M.U. office be for a reminder of other errors found in the Year Book or *Royal Service*.



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ROYAL SERVICE is using the Chinese "character" for the word *come* in order to show still further interest in the Southwide Baptist Revival (page 5). As ROYAL SERVICE literally encircles the world, even so it aspires each month to help its readers to intercede for the Kingdom of God, to study about its progress and to support its program. Therefore, please urge your friends, your circle, your society to

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