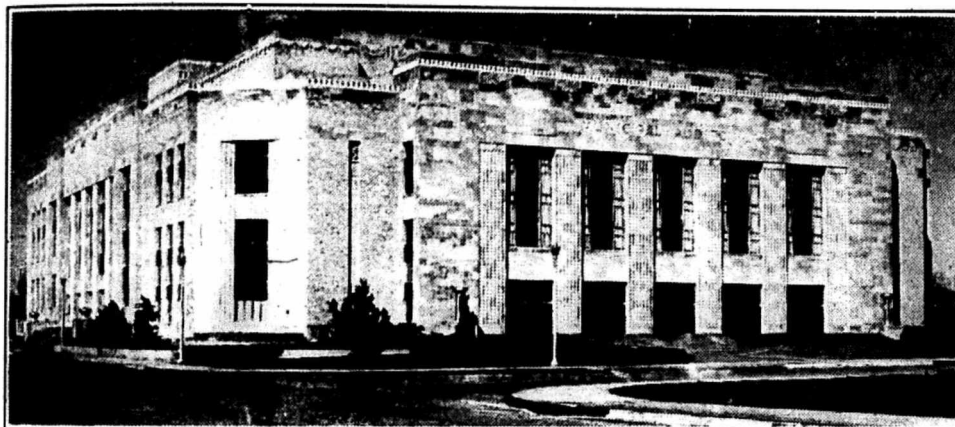


# Royal Service



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**I**N THIS COMMODIOUS BUILDING the sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention and of its auxiliary, Woman's Missionary Union, will be held during the week of May 14. The opening session of the W.M.U. meeting will begin at 7:30 on Monday evening, the 15th, the closing session to be on the following Wednesday morning. Each state W.M.U. is entitled to 50 delegates including its vice president. The main auditorium, in which all of the sessions will be held, has such a large seating capacity that it will be possible to accommodate also a vast number of visitors. Sincerely is it hoped that every delegate and many, many visitors will get to the opening session and will also attend each subsequent one. On pages 7-9 will be found the outline of the excellent program and data concerning the southwide committee meetings. (See also pages 6, 10, 31, 33, 36.)

Registration for W.M.U. delegates and visitors will open at the Municipal Auditorium at 8:30 o'clock on Monday morning, May 15. Registration by Woman's Missionary Union will close on Tuesday, the 16th, at 7:15 p. m. Every delegate is honor bound to register as promptly as possible; every visitor is earnestly requested to do likewise.

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# EDITORIAL

## For YOUR INFORMATION as a CO-LABORER

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



"That our daughters may be as cornerstones, polished after the similitude of a palace": young women fitted and made beautiful for highest service! Of what do you instantly think? The Woman's Missionary Union Training School, located at Louisville, Kentucky! Throughout the Golden Jubilee Year it has been constantly in our minds and on our hearts as we have talked about, worked for and given to the \$50,000 memorial to Miss Fannie E. S. Heck. The glorious victory in surpassing the goal seems to us an evidence of the approval of our Heavenly Father on the project now being undertaken to move our school to the site near that of the Southern Baptist Seminary on Lexington Road, Louisville.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the School was held Feb. 21-23 when its members were guests of the School. The Board is composed of one member from each state, three members-at-large, seven residents of Louisville and the president, executive secretary and treasurer of W. M.U. This annual meeting was one of unusual significance. The days were given to earnest discussion and important decisions as to how to make the School serve in a better way the needs of the advancing Kingdom and the young women who seek preparation for service. Consideration of the building project had a prominent place in the discussion.

The committee authorized last May to recommend a fitting memorial to Mrs. Maud Reynolds McLure decided that such memorial shall be "a building on the new site for the Training School". The purpose of the Union is to erect this lasting memorial to one who as the first principal of the School and its head for sixteen years "laid enduring foundations in its study courses, established its principles of discipline, impersonated and inspired its womanly ideals and lifted high its spirit of service to Christ throughout the world" (*Isa May Mullins in "House Beautiful"*). Accordingly it was determined to set as the ideal the raising of \$100,000 in the S.B.C. year 1939-1940, it being definitely planned that this, with other available assets including our present plant, will complete the building project and that thus no debt will be created. The Heck Memorial of the Jubilee Gift will be used for the new chapel.

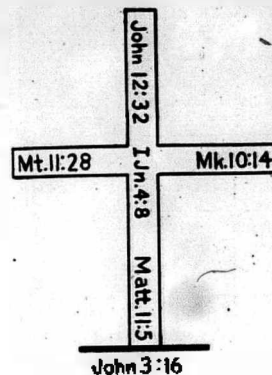
It was further decided to ask states to perpetuate such memorials as came from their states for the present building. This will give added joy to each state as it seeks gifts. Woman's Missionary Union works together, united in spirit and purpose. Because we are "laborers together with God", because we have evidence of His sure leading in each step taken thus far, because our sole purpose in this move is to give the best possible opportunities to His called ones that they may be "as cornerstones, polished" we go forward in faith believing. (Page 11)

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# SOUTHWIDE BAPTIST REVIVAL

## The W.M.U. in the SOUL WINNING CAMPAIGN of 1939

Dr. Arthur Fox, Evangelist, Morristown, Tenn.



The most far-reaching and Scriptural endeavor engaging the efforts of southern Baptists is the Southwide Evangelistic Campaign of 1939. A united effort of every organization in the ranks of southern Baptists is sought to launch out in this endeavor by the earnest of the Spirit.

Is the Woman's Missionary Union in this cooperative campaign? Yes! The women are in every movement of our great denomination. The W. M.U. is the one organization that has been victorious in its every undertaking. This southwide soul winning campaign finds the women winning their way in this forward movement. Ever since the fall of man in the Garden of Eden God has been in the soul winning business. The four great epochs in the God-appointed soul winning movement find woman praying, pleading and playing her part.

**The first epoch was separation.** When God told Abram: "Get thee out of thy country to a land I will show thee", Abram took Sarai who was his wife and went forth; "and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed". This was the first forward movement of the Christianity we have today. Sarai played no little part, for through them came the lineage of Christ.

**The second epoch was incarnation.** The soul winning movement had its second epoch in the incarnation of the Son of God, when Jesus begotten of the Holy Ghost was born of the Virgin Mary, the incomparable event of all time which chronicles the events of all history. Woman was in it. Thank God for Mary!

**The third epoch was organization.** The organization of the church by Jesus Christ, many months before Pentecost, was the third epoch in the plan of God for the redemption of a lost world. Christ commanded His disciples: "Tarry ye in Jerusalem till ye be endued with power from on high". Ten days in agonizing prayer they tarried and well did they know how to pray—their Leader and Master had been killed six weeks before. They missed His presence and His fellowship. They were praying when the Holy Spirit came. Luke says: "These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication with the women; and Mary, the mother of Jesus, was there". Thank God for the praying women!

**The fourth epoch was inauguration.** The coming of the Holy Spirit: His inauguration was the fourth epoch in God's redemptive plan for humanity. The women were in it. "In the last days, says God, I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh and your sons and daughters shall prophesy and on My servants and handmaidens will I pour out of My Spirit; and they shall prophesy".

**Paul's first convert in Europe was a woman.** Paul responding to the Macedonian vision found a prayer meeting of women down by the river side;

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Chairmen of W.M.U. Committees for May Meeting in Oklahoma City



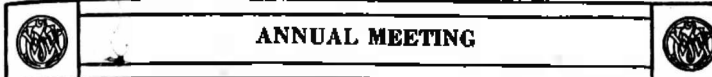
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## "The Lord Has Led"

SO WROTE Miss Martha Sullinger who for over thirty years was a teacher at Fruitland Institute in the North Carolina mountains. "I do not feel" she once said "that my life with our highland boys and girls has been one of sacrifice but rather one of the most blessed privileges and opportunities". It has been said that "many a mountain girl took Miss Sullinger as her ideal; many a mountain home has been made over according to the pattern drawn in the mind of its daughter by this high-minded and sympathetic teacher". And now she has gone to be forever with the Great Teacher who also taught in the mountains. To her host of former students and to her home circle in Mexico, Mo., the sincerest sympathy is extended as Woman's Missionary Union joins with them and the Home Mission Board in giving thanks for a life that from its Sunbeam days was "led of the Lord in missionary activities".



## Tentative Program

Fifty-first Annual Meeting of Woman's Missionary Union  
Oklahoma City, Okla., May 15-17, 1939

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Biltmore Hotel

Monday, May 15—9 A.M.

Margaret Fund Committee

*The Southwide Committees on Mission Study, Personal Service, Stewardship, Missionary Education of Young People will also convene on May 15 at 9 A.M.*

Monday, May 15—2 P.M.

Joint Session of W.M.U. Executive Committee and State W.M.U. Corresponding and Young People's Secretaries

### REGULAR SESSIONS of ANNUAL MEETING

Main Auditorium of Municipal Auditorium

Theme—"The love of Christ constraineth us".

Monday Evening Session, May 15

1899 W.M.U. Watchword—"Go forward".

7:30 The Woman's Hymn

—Prayer

Organization

Appointment of Committees

Election of Committee on Nominations

Greetings and Presentation of Hostess Committee

—Mrs. Tom E. Earp, Chairman of W.M.U. Committee on Arrangements, Oklahoma City

Devotional—"Go, Tell"—Mrs. W. J. Cox

Hymn—"I Love to Tell the Story"

Forward on Mission Fields

—Dr. Charles E. Maddy, Mrs. F. W. Armstrong and Others

Scripture Reading—Miss Kathleen Mallory

Special Music—"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

Musical Benediction

Tuesday Morning Session, May 16

1899 W.M.U. Watchword—"Love and Labor"

9:30 Doxology

Reading of Minutes—Mrs. Wilfred C. Tyler

Girls' Auxiliary Hymn—"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

Devotional—The Sweetest Story Ever Told

—Mrs. J. M. Dawson, *Texas*

Love and Labor through

General W.M.U. Activities—Miss Mallory

—Missionary Speaking to Report

Missionary Education of Young People—Miss Juliette Mather

—Missionary Speaking to Report

Tithes and Offerings

—Mrs. Cox

Report of Auditor

—Mrs. Carter Wright, *Ala.*

—Missionary Speaking to Report

Personal Service—Mrs. Eureka Whiteker, *Ky.*

—Missionary Speaking to Report

Mission Study—Mrs. Una R. Lawrence, *Mo.*

—Missionary Speaking to Report

Margaret Fund—Mrs. H. M. Rhodes, *Tenn.*

—Missionary Speaking to Report

Hymn

Special Music

President's Message—Mrs. F. W. Armstrong

Scripture Reading—Miss Mallory

Special Music—"I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"

Musical Benediction

—Announcements

#### Tuesday Afternoon Session, May 16

1909 W.M.U. Watchword—"The people that know their God shall be strong and do exploits".

1:00 Royal Ambassador Hymn—"The King's Business"

Prayer

Reading of Minutes—Mrs. Tyler

Report of Board of Managers of W.M.U.

Advisory Board of Southwestern Training School

—Mrs. B. A. Copass, *Texas*

Advisory Board of Baptist Bible Institute

—Mrs. T. B. Sellers, *Louisiana*

Strengthening Missions through

W.M.U. Literature Dept.—Miss Ethel Winfield, *Secretary*

Plans for 1939 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions

—Miss Hannah Reynolds, *La.*

—Assisted by Mrs. J. B. Boatwright, *S. C.*; Mrs. R. L. Harris,

*Tenn.*; and Missionaries

Plans for 1940 Week of Prayer for Home Missions

—Miss Mary Nelle Lyne, *Ky.*

—Presenting Work among Oklahoma Indians

Memorial Service—Mrs. E. F. Lyon, *Texas*

Tribute to Miss Annie W. Armstrong—Mrs. G. R. Martin, *Va.*

Hymn—"I Love to Tell the Story"

Southwide Baptist Revival—Dr. L. R. Scarborough

Scripture Reading—Miss Mallory

Special Music—"I Am Thine, O Lord"

Musical Benediction

#### Tuesday Evening Session, May 16

1919 W.M.U. Watchword—"That I may know Him"

1929 W.M.U. Watchword—"Holding forth the word of life"

7:30 Pageant—Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

with Woman's Missionary Union

Planned by Mrs. Geo. McWilliams, *Mo.*, and Miss Mather—Directed

by Mrs. George Hitt, *Oklahoma City*—Featuring Victories of

Golden Jubilee and Missionary Education of Young People

#### Wednesday Morning Session, May 17

1939 W.M.U. Watchword—"The love of Christ constraineth us".

9:30 Young Woman's Auxiliary Hymn—"O Zion, Haste"

Reading of Minutes—Mrs. Tyler

Devotional—The Most Powerful Story Ever Told

—Miss Blanche S. White, *Va.*

Hymn—"I Love to Tell the Story"

Prayer

Presentation of 1940 Plan of Work

Baptist Hundred Thousand Club—Mrs. Wright

W.M.U. Training School—Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, *Ky.*

—Assisted by Missionaries and Other Alumnae

Miscellany

Reports of Committees

Greetings

—Registration

Appreciation

—Nominations

Announcements

Address—Dr. George W. Truett

Scripture Reading—Miss Mallory

Special Music—"Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?"

Adjournment

—Special Music

—Musical Benediction

#### EDITORIAL (Concluded from Page 4)

The annual meeting program on other pages of this magazine calls you to Oklahoma City, May 15-17, for the help and inspiration it will bring to your heart and life, to the life and work of your missionary organization and to your quickening for the Kingdom task. Plan also to remain for the sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention. (Pages 1, 6-10, 36)

#### MESSENGERS to the BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE

Dr. Hight C. Moore says:

Any member of any Baptist church cooperating in the work of the Southern Baptist Convention may be a messenger to the Sixth Congress of the Baptist World Alliance in Atlanta, Georgia, July 22-29, 1939, on presentation of certificate from Hight C. Moore and payment of the registration fee.

Those desiring certificates may secure them in person at special Baptist World Alliance desk during Southern Baptist Convention week in Oklahoma City, May 15-20, and during the Congress in Atlanta or by mail from the office of Convention Secretary, Hight C. Moore, 161 8th Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee, giving name, address and church and enclosing stamped envelope for reply.

The registration fee of \$2.50 is to be paid on presentation of the certificate in Atlanta.



## ANNUAL MEETING



### The COMPELLING MOTIVE of the MEETING

WITH loving anticipation, Baptists of Oklahoma City look forward to the annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, May 15-17 inclusive. Numerous committees are at work assuring you that everything possible is being done to make your stay pleasant and profitable, not only for you but for us as well.

Deeply conscious are we of the compelling motive that brings together this great group of serious-minded, purposeful women each year. During these holy hours of devotion, meditation and prayer, new purposes and desires are born in the hearts of the women assembled, and with renewed zeal and courage they go forth, impelled by the love of Christ to "tell the Story" to those who have not yet heard it, who have not yet experienced its glorious power.

Since the early dawn of that memorable morning centuries ago when Mary, through blinding tears, beheld the face of her risen Lord and heard fall from His lips the words—"Go, tell"—women have been constant in their purpose to tell the story of His love. It was the desire to tell the story that sent the early missionaries into this, the Indians' hunting grounds, and established the first Baptist church in Oklahoma more than one hundred years ago.

Evidence of the universal love of Christ is shown in the constituency of that church, its membership having been composed of two white persons, one Indian and three Negro slaves. Significant also of this universal love of Christ is the fact that the first missionary society organized in Oklahoma was among the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indian women in 1876, its purpose being

to enlist these Indian women in an effort to give the Gospel to their people and the wild Indians beyond. Confident are we that this love of Christ, which has produced Christian fellowship between races in our own state, if given opportunity will promote permanent peace among all people.

As we come up to this fifty-first annual session of Woman's Missionary Union we find ourselves well into the year dedicated to southwide evangelism. We need to remind ourselves how dependent the early Christians were upon prayer, how they sensed His presence as the dominant power in their lives.

We need a new appreciation of the resources that are available to us through prayer and that must be utilized if an impression is to be made on the hosts of unsaved in our southland. Our resources are inexhaustible, our only limit is our faith.

We need also to remind ourselves that the religious awakening for which we pray will not come simply because we have designated this year 1939 for it. We shall need to see through the compassionate eyes of Christ the lost peoples of the world for whom He died, we shall need to realize that into our hands has been committed the stewardship of that Gospel, the power of salvation to all who believe. Will you not pray that every session of this annual meeting may be so permeated with the high and holy purposes of evangelism that its power may be felt even to the uttermost part of the earth?

—Mrs. H. B. Wilhoite  
W.M.U. Publicity Chairman  
for Oklahoma City Meeting



## TRAINING SCHOOL



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



Again Woman's Missionary Union is "taking the long look" and is entering upon new building plans for its Training School in Louisville, Ky. At the School's rather recent Board of Trustees meeting it was definitely decided that sketches for the new plant should be secured in time for consideration at the May meeting in Oklahoma City, with the expectation of approving plans and letting the contract at the Board of Trustees meeting next February. If this can be done, it is confidently believed that the move to the new site can be made in the summer of 1941.

In the meanwhile the present property at 334 East Broadway will continue in actuality and spirit to be "House Beautiful." Even if a lessor or purchaser is soon found for the property, the School will continue in possession as now until the new plant is ready for occupancy.

The Building Committee consists of the W.M.U. president, executive secretary and treasurer, the School's principal and representatives of three groups as follows: from the Board of Trustees—Mrs. J. C. Hering of Oklahoma; Mrs. John R. Sampey, Mrs. Frank E. Short and Mrs. E. M. Nuckols of Louisville; from the W.M.U. Executive Committee—Mrs. J. Clyde Turner of North Carolina and Miss Juliette Mather; from the School's Alumnae Association—Miss Mary Nelle Lyne of Kentucky and Miss Louise Smith of Florida. In an advisory way the committee will have the counsel of the faculty of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, as represented by President Sampey, Dr. W. O. Carver, Dr. F. M. Powell and Dr. G. S. Dobbins.

Even in this preparatory period it is definitely known that the School's new buildings are to be planned in harmony with those of the Seminary, though not identical. Also it is agreed that the \$50,000 set aside in the Golden Jubilee Gift as the Heck Memorial shall be used for the chapel in the new plant. There will be dormitory and administration units, covered passages connecting any separate units. It now seems desirable that the

administration unit be the memorial to Mrs. Maud R. McClure.

Considering memorials, each state has been asked to preserve in the new plant every memorial that its state made possible for the present "House Beautiful." The record of all such has been kept at the School, even as will be the policy in this new undertaking.

During the coming S.B.C. year (May 1939 to May 1940) the effort will be made to raise \$100,000. Each state has been asked to raise a proportionate part of this \$100,000 as its minimum contribution toward the total objective of \$250,000 for land, buildings and equipment. It is heartening to realize that fully one-third of the ultimate \$250,000 is already in hand, having been invested in the School's new site or in government bonds, and that the property at 334 East Broadway is a valuable negotiable asset. It is the Board's fixed purpose to raise the necessary money before going forward with actual building, thus avoiding creating any debt.—

Kathleen Mallory, Secretary to Board of Trustees





## FAMILY ALTAR



Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

*Note:* The references in italics are furnished by the "Committee on Improved Uniform Lessons of the International Sunday School Lessons". The references in heavy type are in keeping with the month's missionary topic and with the denomination's emphasis on soul-winning in 1939.

### TOPIC: The Great Commission and the Ministry of Healing

Cast thy burden on the Lord;  
Lean thou only on His Word;  
Ever will He be thy stay,  
Though the Heavens shall melt away.

He will gird thee by His power,  
In thy weary, fainting hour;  
Lean, then, loving on His Word;  
Cast thy burden on the Lord.

—George Rawson (1857)

#### "Took Our Infirmities"

1st Day—Matt. 8:1-17; Acts 17:22-31  
2nd Day—Matt. 8:18-34; Acts 18:4-11  
3rd Day—Matt. 9:1-8; 1 Cor. 2:1-5  
4th Day—Matt. 9:18-30; Phil. 4:10-14  
5th Day—Matt. 9:31-10:1; 11 Tim. 2:1-13  
6th Day—Matt. 12:9-13; 14:14; 17:14-20;  
Psa. 27:1-6

7th Day—Matt. 20:29-34; Psa. 25:1-10

#### "Bare Our Sicknesses"

8th Day—Heb. 1:1-14; Acts 19:1-7  
9th Day—Heb. 2:1-9; Acts 19:8-12  
10th Day—Heb. 2:10-18; Acts 20:17-25  
11th Day—Heb. 3:1-15; Eph. 2:10-22  
12th Day—Heb. 4:12-15; Col. 1:9-20  
13th Day—Heb. 12:1, 2, 6-15; 1 Cor. 3:16-23  
14th Day—Heb. 13:1-8, 12-17; Psa. 87:1-7

### "Pray Ye"

In thanksgiving for the goodness of God  
In eager yearning for the salvation of lost souls  
In petition for the indifferent and unenlisted  
In sympathy for the sick and sorrowing  
In intercession for war-torn countries  
For missionaries and Christians in every land  
For annual meetings of Woman's Missionary Union  
and of Southern Baptist Convention; remember the  
Oklahoma City pastors and committees; pray for  
the greatest of missionary results because of these  
annual gatherings. (See pages 1, 4, 6-10, 33, 36.)  
"Pray without ceasing" for Southwide Revival.

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## Calendar of Prayer

May, 1939

Prepared by Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona

**WHEN** cold our hearts, and far from Thee  
Our wandering spirits stray,  
And thoughts and lips move heavily,  
Lord, teach us how to pray.  
We know not how to seek Thy face  
Unless Thou lead the way;  
We have no words, unless Thy grace—  
Lord, teach us how to pray.

—J. S. B. Mansell

### Topic: The Great Commission and the Ministry of Healing

#### 1--MONDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Quarles (Jennie Saunders),  
Mr. and Mrs. Blair (Core Hancock),  
evangelistic workers, Buenos Aires, Argentina  
O Lord of hosts, hear my prayer  
—Psa. 84:8

#### 2--TUESDAY

W.M.U. Literature Department, Miss  
Ethel Winfield, secretary  
Blessed is he that readeth.—Rev. 1:3

#### 3--WEDNESDAY

Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Taylor (Carolyn  
Smith), Mrs. L. M. Reno (Alice Wymer),  
emeritus missionaries from Brazil  
Mercy unto you, and peace and love be  
multiplied.—Jude 2

#### 4--THURSDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett (Emily Gilbert),  
Rescue Mission, Jacksonville, Fla.; also  
Barbara Jean Bennett, Margaret Fund student  
The Kingdom of God is not in word, but in  
power.—1 Cor. 4:20

#### 5--FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Fisher, Rev. and Mrs.  
Nathan M. Carter, evangelistic educational  
workers to their own Negro race, Selma,  
Ala.  
He first findeth his own brother.  
—Jno. 1:41

#### 6--SATURDAY

Dr. and Mrs. Bryan (Frances Allison),  
medical workers, Mr. and Mrs. Lide (Bet-  
tie Stephens), educational workers,  
Hwangshien, China; also John N. Bryan,  
Margaret Fund student  
The desire of our soul is to Thy name,  
and to the remembrance of Thee.  
—Isa. 26:8

#### 7--SUNDAY

Annual meeting of W.M.U., Oklahoma  
City, Okla. May 15-17  
Give unto the Lord the glory due unto  
His Name.—Psa. 96:8

#### 8--MONDAY

Dr. and Mrs. Hayes (Alice Johnson), med-  
ical workers, \*\*Mr. and \*\*Mrs. Snuggs  
(Grace Mason), evangelistic-educational  
workers, Canton, China  
The eyes of the Lord are upon the right-  
eous.—Psa. 34:15

#### 9--TUESDAY

\*Mrs. B. L. Lockett (Elbin Lightfoot),  
evangelistic-educational worker, Miss Ama-  
nda Tinkle, medical worker, Misses Vivian  
Nowell and \*Elizabeth Truly, evangelistic  
workers, Ogbomoso, Nigeria  
It is God that girdeth me with strength  
—Psa. 18:32

#### 10--WEDNESDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Ray (Daisy Pettus), evan-  
gelistic workers, Hiroshima, Mr. Mills,  
administrative work, Nagasaki, Japan  
Let the peace of God rule in your hearts.  
—Col. 3:15

#### 11--THURSDAY

Mr. and Mrs. McGavock (Catherine J.),  
evangelistic workers, Mr. and Mrs. McCon-  
nell (Elizabeth Ruck), educational work-  
ers, Santiago, Chile  
Surely I know that it shall be well with  
them that fear God.—Eccl. 8:12

#### 2--FRIDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox (Callie Perrin),  
Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Johnson (Sammie  
Gwynes), evangelistic-educational workers,  
Recife, Brazil; also Dorothy and Jed John-  
son, Margaret Fund students  
I will help thee, saith the Lord, thy Re-  
deemer.—Isa. 41:14

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## Calendar of Prayer for May

### 13—SATURDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Kelley, Mrs. Swindle, evangelistic workers with Mexicans, Pharr, Texas  
For there is no power but of God.  
—Rom. 13:1

### 14—SUNDAY

That Christian hospitals may win unsaved patients to Christ; that God will richly bless and use those who minister in hospitals  
He sendeth His Word and healeth them.  
—Psa. 107:20

### 15—MONDAY

Guiding power of Holy Spirit in W.M.U. annual meeting, Oklahoma City, Okla., May 15-17  
For we are God's fellow workers.—1 Cor. 3:9

### 16—TUESDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Averitt (Floy Gary), Calvert, Ala., Mr. and Mrs. Heard (Bertha Dobkins), Chandler, Ariz., evangelistic workers with Indians  
Be strong, for your work shall be rewarded.—II Chron. 15:7

### 17—WEDNESDAY

Misses Eva Smith and Edelmira Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Palmomque, educational workers, Havana, Cuba  
Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace through our Lord, Jesus Christ.  
—Rom. 5:1

### 18—THURSDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Smith (Alice Bagby), evangelistic workers, Miss Helen Bagby, educational worker, Porto Alegre, Brazil, and Mrs. Albert Bagby (Thelma Pratt), evangelistic workers, Pelotas, Brazil  
We are . . . created in Christ Jesus for good works.—Eph. 2:10

### 19—FRIDAY

Dr. Gill, European representative, and Mrs. Gill (Emma Williams), evangelistic, educational workers, Miss Ruby Daniel, educational worker, Budapest, Hungary  
He will give His angels charge over thee.—Psa. 91:11

### 20—SATURDAY

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Marx (Effie Kincaid), emeritus missionaries from Mexico  
One soweth and another reapeth.  
—Jno. 4:37

### 21—SUNDAY

Maintenance of family altar in every S. B.C. home  
Great peace have they that love Thy law.  
—Psa. 119:165

### 22—MONDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Deter (May Scrymgeour), Mr. and Mrs. Oliver (Edith Deter), evangelistic workers, Curitiba, Brazil; also Virgilio Deter, Margaret Fund student  
Both be that soweth and be that reapeth may rejoice together.—Jno. 4:36

### 23—TUESDAY

Dr. and Mrs. Johnson (Bessie Kemper), educational workers, Montecito, Mexico  
Make ye ready the way of the Lord.  
—Mark 1:3

### 24—WEDNESDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Brittain (Mary Brown), Dr. and Mrs. McMillan (Leila McNeill), evangelistic workers, Soochow, China  
His children shall have a place of refuge.  
—Prov. 14:26

### 25—THURSDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Gallimore (Gladys Stephenson), educational workers, Misses Ruth Pettigrew and Floy Hawkins, evangelistic workers, Waichow, China  
None of them that trust in Him shall be desolate.—Psa. 34:22

### 26—FRIDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Landon (Artie Moser), Ft. Worth, Mr. Gardner, Waco, Tex., workers among deaf  
The man believed on the word that Jesus had spoken.—Jno. 4:50

### 27—SATURDAY

Miss Vena Aguilard, Morgan City, Miss Gladys Keith, New Orleans, La., workers among French  
O God, lift up Thine hand; forget not the humble.—Psa. 10:12

### 28—SUNDAY

Increasing power in prayer in S.B.C. churches  
First of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks be made for all men.—I Tim. 2:1

### 29—MONDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Worthington, Pawhuska, Okla., and Miss Gladys Sharp, Arkansas City, Kansas, evangelistic workers to Indians; also Alpha Marie Worthington, Margaret Fund student  
O taste and see that the Lord is good!  
—Psa. 34:8

### 30—TUESDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Harris (Florence Powell), Mrs. Sollee (Annie Jenkins), evangelistic workers, Kaileng, China; also Hendon Harris, Margaret Fund student  
Grace to you, and peace be multiplied  
—II Pet. 1:2

### 31—WEDNESDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard (Evelyn Corbett), Miss Reba Stewart, evangelistic workers, Harbin, Manchuria  
Underneath are the everlasting arms.  
—Deut. 33:27

<sup>1</sup>Attended W.M.U. Training School  
<sup>2</sup>Attended Southwestern Training School  
<sup>3</sup>Attended Baptist Bible Institute  
<sup>4</sup>Former Margaret Fund Student  
<sup>5</sup>At Present on Furlough

## BIBLE STUDY

Ella Broadus Robertson, Kentucky

### The HEALING TOUCH of JESUS

Matt. 8:15; Luke 4:40; Matt. 11:28-30

THE verses from Matthew and Luke are parts of the same story, given in all three Synoptics. Each is chosen here for mention of the touch of Jesus' hand. A good physician or a good nurse has always a soothing hand; and in the Great Physician, whose healing came of His own power and will, that loving touch was blessed. Not that it was necessary. The centurion's servant (Matt. 8:13), the nobleman's son (John 4:50) were healed at a distance; and the demon-possessed were never touched till the demon had departed at Christ's command. Sometimes an act of faith was required: "Stretch forth thy hand" (Matt. 12:13), "Take up thy bed" (Matt. 9:6; John 5:8). But He did not hesitate to touch even lepers, many times.

In the story before us, every housekeeper will understand the wretchedness of the older woman, in bed with high fever on such a day. For Peter was bringing Jesus home with him after the worship at the synagogue, and she longed to be helping her daughter. Andrew perhaps lived with them, but James and John, comrades again in new work, were coming too. All were distressed for the dear mother. Quickly they tell Jesus, quickly He heals with a word and touch. And the cure was complete, for as He lifted her by the hand she arose and began eagerly to share the joyous ministering to Him and the rest. Sickness brings always an inner rebellion. This Christ still heals with a touch on our heart if we let Him, and that peace goes far towards making the doctor's treatment effective.

The story goes on to one of the most beautiful scenes in the life of Jesus. At sunset the Sabbath ended, and presently the street was filled with sick persons brought to the door. "He laid His hands on every one of them", and "cast out the spirits with a word". No wonder Matthew, who lived in Capernaum, was reminded of Isaiah's words about the coming Messiah: "Himself took our infirmities and bare our diseases". For we know that "He suffered with those He saw suffer". (Plumptre)

The more familiar rendering of this verse, "Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows", brings us close to our second thought. The passage from Matthew 11 is like in tone to the Gospel of John. Recall it. The beautiful words must have sunk into the heart of every hearer. Dr. Robertson calls this passage "Christ's School Advertisement", for "Take My yoke upon you" means "Go to school to Me". "Learn of Me, for I am meek". We are not meek! That is why we are restless. Walter Pater says this verse, beginning "Come unto Me", is the loveliest sentence ever framed in human speech. A writer in the *British Weekly* tells of talking with Percy Ainsworth who, then a young man, was preaching to small congregations in a large church. They discussed problems and difficulties. A quiet would sometimes fall. Then his face suddenly cleared, his very voice changed. He seemed refreshed as from a fine holiday in bracing air. "Where have you been, Percy?" his friend asked once. Ainsworth questioned in reply, "What do you think is the finest verse in the Bible?" "Come unto Me". "That's where I've been!"



# CIRCLE PLANS

## WHEN YOUR CIRCLE STUDIES the Biography of W. Eugene Sallee Christ's Ambassador

there will be the added privilege of acquiring first-hand missionary information because the writer was his wife and co-missionary. The following suggestions are offered by the gifted Mrs. J. M. Dawson of Waco, Texas, who has taught the book to almost numberless classes:

A royal biography, bound in royal purple, written by a queenly woman, concerning one who was engaged in kingly service, *W. Eugene Sallee, Christ's Ambassador*, has a perennial interest in all our southern Baptist churches. As one writing the introduction has well said, "It presents materials of vast significance in dramatic settings". The whole subject of Christian missions in China is thrust to the forefront just now in the thinking of the entire world, and we do well in all our missionary societies to lead our people in the study of China while the interest is so keen and arresting.

*Christ's Ambassador* is a much larger volume than we are wont to study in our mission study classes, but a very careful preparation and planning of each lecture will enable one to cover the book most creditably in five lessons. It is not wise to attempt fewer lessons than this. It makes an admirable study for a School of Missions, using two periods of forty-five minutes on each day. In such an event the outlined lectures may be divided in two and the teacher will find an abundance of material for such extension.

By all means a large map of China must be kept constantly before the class. Dr. Sallee, with his co-laborers, was a missionary pioneer who opened vast hitherto unclaimed territories for Christ.

The lecture periods may be arranged, grouping the chapters as follows:

**Lecture I: Chapters 1 and 2, Introductions**—first to the author. Mrs. Sallee wins her readers by a remarkable detachment and objective presentation, but it is well known that this cultured gentle missionary shared most intimately the visions, toils and sacrifices, adventures and achievements of the famous ambassador. A brief introductory word is given by her pastor, Dr. J. M. Dawson, and it is most fitting that this should be enlarged on by the teacher. The introduction to Dr. Sallee—with a very comprehensive study of his background, training and call—covers the first two chapters.

**Lecture II: "Advancing with Christ in the Interior of China"—Chapters 3, 4 and 5** may be covered in this lesson. The teacher must make much use of the map, interpreting the wisdom of Dr. Sallee in choosing locations for his work. The first furlough makes a logical climax for this period of the book.

**Lecture III: The three sub-divisions of chapter 6** should be very carefully studied and mastered because this period represents not only the crowning glory of Dr. Sallee's work but the golden era of the Interior China Mission. The sentence beginning "I wish to serve notice on both you and the Board" (page 129), is the most revealing statement in the book as to the character of the great man. Underline it, read it impressively to your class.

**Lecture IV: Chapters 7 and 8** may be condensed in presenting the many sided interests and the versatility of gifts of the ambassador.

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## BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Miss Inebelle Coleman, Virginia

### TOPIC: The Great Commission and the Ministry of Healing

**NOTE:** In front of circle place a large improvised medicine kit constructed of poster cardboard with slits cut in it. Through these place medicine bottles constructed of several different colors of cardboard or construction paper. On these print labels, which will serve as the eleven indexes to this program. Across the top of the poster-kit, print: *Southern Baptists' Medical Ministry Kit, or Healing Humanity's Hurts*. Each speaker removes a bottle and holds it before the circle while she speaks.

*Effervescent Praises:* Hymn—"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

*A Soothing Balm:* Prayer

—*Anointing Oils:* Bible Study (Page 15)

*The Master's Prescription:* "The Great Commission and Healing" (Page 19)

*Frankincense and Myrrh:* "The Baptist Hospital" (Page 21)

*A Bottle of Spiritual Sunshine:* "Echoes from Hospital Halls" (Page 23)

*A Daily Power:* Duet—"The Touch of His Hand on Mine"

*The Water of Life:* "Ministry of Healing on Mission Fields" (Page 25)

*A Life-Saving Tonic:* "Ministry to Old Ministers" (Page 26)

*The Great Physician:* (Hymn)

—*An Hourly Miracle:* Prayers

From *Day-Dawn-in-Yoruba-Land* by Charles E. Maddy, we quote one page: "We were sitting beside Dr. Green, our medical missionary, at breakfast one morning in the home of missionary A. C. Donath at Oyo, when one of the table boys came in and told the doctor that there was some one in the back yard of the mission waiting to see him. Dr. Green excused himself and went out. We thought that it was just one more case of sickness or suffering calling for the professional service of the medical missionary. Presently the doctor returned smiling and, in answer to our inquiry for the reason of the joy that was written on his face, said that an old friend had come to call upon him and, as an expression of his love and gratitude to the missionary, had brought him a calabash of green corn. We at once sensed a good story and finally induced the modest medical man to tell us the reason for the warm gratitude of the old black man.

"Many years ago, an old blind man had found his way to Dr. Green's clinic at Ogbomosho and had appealed to the doctor to give him back his eyesight. The doctor had examined him and found that he was suffering from cataracts. He had been totally blind for several years. There seemed little hope of a successful operation, but the doctor decided to take a chance anyway. He reasoned that, since the man was already blind and would not be any the worse off if the operation were a failure, he would take the chance of operating. After several days of anxious waiting, the bandages were removed and, to the amazement of the old man and the joy of the doctor, the patient could see. Dr. Green fitted him with glasses and after a few weeks, when he was dismissed from the hospital, he had almost perfect eyesight.

"The joy and gratitude of the old black man knew no bounds. And the best part of all the story is that, during those days of waiting in the hospital, the medical missionary had taught him of the love and mercy of a Saviour, who was waiting to save him. The old man had found in the mission hospital something greater than his physical eyesight: he had found the glorious Light of the Saviour's face in the pardon and forgiveness of his sins. He went away and was gone for some days; and then one day he came back leading a string of ten blind men".

## PROGRAM PLANS

Mrs. T. M. Pittman, North Carolina

### With the PROGRAM COMMITTEE

**N**O ONE has doubted that woman's ministry is needed in the sick room. While the practice of medicine by women is still unpopular in many sections, women as either trained or untrained nurses will always be in demand. Care of the sick is as much her province as keeping house and preparing meals.

The May topic—"The Great Commission and the Ministry of Healing"—makes a strong appeal to those who have suffered or have watched over suffering loved ones. The Program Committee should secure literature as to any Baptist hospital in its own state. Perhaps the state Baptist papers will be carrying articles about the hospitals. All available information should be studied and given to the one chosen to speak on that subject. Some hospitals furnish pictures or leaflets, which should be requested. In some states a special hospital offering is made on Mother's Day in the Sunday school or church: the women will wish to have a share in this even if it is not included in the W.M.S. report. The different states follow different plans: each society will wish to conform to its state plan.

For the month's program, an opening talk may be made by the leader on "The Great Commission and Healing" with mention of the Memphis hospital. The three states united in its support should enlarge on this subject. In the other states more time should be given to the Baptist hospitals within their borders. This should be given in a second talk, as before suggested, and all possible interest aroused in the particular hospital discussed. (Pages 19-21)

The impressive story of the New Orleans Hospital should be given. Some of the society's members may have visited this hospital and could tell of it. The furnished material is ample, however. One of the three stories will be sufficient, unless other material is omitted. (Pages 21-23)

"The Ministry of Healing on Mission Fields" should not be crowded from the program. The story of Baptist hospitals in Africa, China and Cuba may be given by the three women or united into one talk. (Pages 25-26)

"Ministering to Old Ministers" may be the topic for the last talk, perhaps by the leader. Surely it is a subject close to the hearts of Christian women. Care of the sick, of children and of old people is a usual experience of a woman's life. (Pages 26-27)

"The Great Physician" should be given exactly as suggested. At the close of the poem, recited by the young woman in trained nurse's uniform, one or two voices may sing two verses of the hymn, "The Great Physician". (Page 27)

An added feature to the program may be the visit from a Grace McBride Y.W.A. as organized in a Baptist hospital or among a group of Baptist nurses in some other hospital. If there is no such local organization, a nurse might be asked to speak at the society's meeting and suggest ways in which the society could help nurses, hospitals or sick people in the community. This would also be a suitable time to plan for visits to shut-ins; often they are more in need of visits and other ministrations than are the very sick.

## PROGRAM for MAY

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.

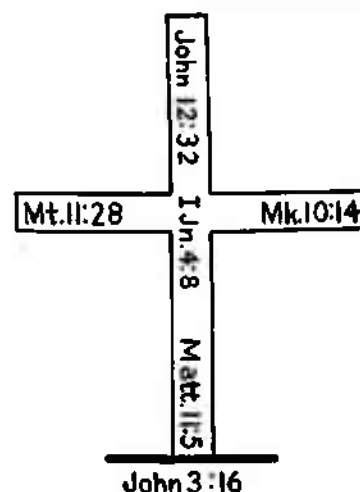
Prepared by Mrs. C. D. Creasman, Tennessee

### THEME for YEAR: The GREAT COMMISSION—OUR MISSION TOPIC for MONTH: The GREAT COMMISSION and the MINISTRY of HEALING

Hymn for the Year —Watchword for the Year  
Bible Study—Christ's Healing Touch—Matt. 8:15; Luke 4:40; Matt. 11:28-30  
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Prayer thanking God for the healing touch of the Great Physician  
Hymn—At Even, Ere the Sun Was Set (Effective Sung as a Solo)  
The Great Commission and Healing —Southern Baptist Hospital  
Southern Baptists and Healing  
Prayer for those ministering to the sick in southern Baptist hospitals  
Echoes from Hospital Halls  
A Nurse Learns to Pray; A Miracle Prayer; A Gift of Appreciation  
Hymn—The Touch of His Hand on Mine —Ministering to Old Ministers  
The Ministry of Healing on Mission Fields  
Prayer for God's special benediction on old ministers in southland  
Hymn—The Great Physician —Benediction (Page 27)

#### The GREAT COMMISSION and HEALING

While there is no definite word about healing in the Great Commission we know from the example of Jesus as well as from other of His commands to His disciples that He intended that healing should be a part of their ministry to the world. Jesus Himself was the Great Physician. He never refused to respond to the cries of those suffering from physical afflictions. He spent over half of His time healing the sick. Twenty-six of His miracles were on behalf of those who were afflicted, while three others ministered solely to physical needs. His credentials were that the blind were made to see, the lame were caused to walk, the lepers were cleansed, the deaf were made to hear and the poor had the Gospel preached unto them. When He sent seventy of His followers out on a missionary tour they were told to heal the sick and to say unto them, "The



Kingdom of God is come nigh unto you". Thus did He associate the coming of the Kingdom with physical as well as spiritual healing. Peter, John and Paul combined healing with their Gospel preaching. With Paul, on much of his missionary journeyings, went Luke, "the beloved physician", who may be considered the first medical missionary. The ministry of healing is not only one of the natural expressions of Christian love but also a most effective method of reaching people with the Gospel message. So we may be sure that when Jesus said, "Go and make disciples of all nations", He intended that healing should be one of the methods of reaching the people of all nations with the Gospel.

The Arkansas W.M.U. has, as state hospital chairman, Mrs. R. C. Rudisill, a woman of unusual charm, mental attainments and Christian graces. Though not a doctor or nurse or a hospital executive, her loving interest and unselfish service in the ministry of healing have won for her a place on the staff of the state Baptist hospital at Little Rock and have made her name synonymous with hospital work in Arkansas. Mrs. Rudisill connects the ministry of healing with the Great Commission in a beautiful way. She speaks of the unlimited dynamic power in the Great Commission that has impelled men down the ages to utmost endeavor and to highest achievements. She shows how power in the word "go" has meant the spreading of the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth, how power in the word "preach" has meant the preaching of the Gospel to untold millions and how power in the word "teach" has produced Christian schools and colleges and all the educational work of Sunday schools, W.M.U. and B.T.U. organizations. Then she concludes:

"The word 'heal' has in it the same power. Under the mystic influence of this word Christian houses of healing followed immediately upon Christ's ministry on earth. His example of love, tenderness, sympathy for the sick and afflicted, and His definite command to 'heal' moved the hearts of His followers to establish hospitals, places of refuge for those stricken with disease, broken in accident, burdened with deformities. Our healing Christ has blessed beyond measure these houses of healing, raising them from crude institutions with imperfect facilities to the marvelous modern hospitals with their wonderful equipment for diagnosing and curing disease, where miracles of healing are performed. How powerful is the command 'to heal'. Millions owe their lives today to our Lord's care for frail, weak, suffering humanity. Wherever Christianity goes the cup of human sorrow is sweetened, disease is healed—physical, mental and spiritual".

#### SOUTHERN BAPTISTS and HEALING

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS were slow about including healing in their denominational program. The Southern Baptist Convention had been organized for forty-five years before the first Baptist hospital was established. This was the Missouri Baptist Hospital in St. Louis, opened in 1890 and operated by the Missouri Baptist Convention. Fourteen years after the opening of this hospital the World's Fair was held in St. Louis and southern Baptist visitors had the opportunity of seeing a successful Baptist hospital in operation. This inspired other states to follow the example of Missouri in building hospitals.

Today there are twenty Baptist hospitals in fourteen different states. These have a bed capacity totaling over 3000, property valued at about twelve million dollars and they gave treatment last year to about 100,000 patients. These are "dry figures", indeed, to try to tell the story of the loving ministrations given in the name of the Great Physician within these hospital walls. Mrs. Rudisill, writing of the work of "her" hospital in Arkansas, says: "How I wish I could picture to you the long line of sick, sorrowing, suffering humanity that has found in our hospital a refuge from disease, agony and death. I wish I could picture to

you those tender ministering hands, the tireless feet that go about their work of caring for weary sufferers, a work that continues all day and through the dark hours of night. Time alone will tell of the ministry of the state Baptist hospital to countless thousands in the years of its ceaseless activity in the great humanitarian work instituted by our Master". We are sure that these words would apply to the work of any of our Baptist hospitals.

The largest of southern Baptist institutions of healing is the Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, belonging to the three states—Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi—with property valued at three million dollars. This hospital is a great missionary institution. Around two hundred thousand dollars' worth of free service is rendered each year. Recently when a new annex was built to the hospital, a beautiful chapel—handsomely decorated with pastels and wood paneling, having a seating capacity of three hundred—was provided for religious services. Two religious workers are members of the hospital staff—Miss Frances Barbour, student secretary, whose work is especially among the student nurses; and Dr. A. U. Boone, hospital pastor, who is just what his title indicates: a pastor to doctors, nurses, patients and all whose lives touch the life of the hospital. Dr. Boone says of his work:

"I have been with the hospital now a little more than two years and have enjoyed the privilege of ministering to the sick, comforting the troubled and endeavoring to lead the lost to the Savior. We have a growing interest in our Monday night chapel service in which we have praise and prayer and a brief Gospel message. This meeting is chiefly for the student nurses though every one is invited. We are not giving exact statistics as to our work, but we have reason to believe there have been a number of conversions and many renewals. It is our desire and purpose that the nurses who go out from this institution shall not only be well trained professionally but that they may also have an abiding experience of grace. We are now represented on the foreign field and we have a hope that the day will come when the sun shall never set upon our girls, but that they may go into all the world ministering to the suffering and winning souls to Christ".

What is said of the missionary influence of the Memphis hospital can be said of all southern Baptist hospitals. All are Christian institutions, all are missionary in purpose and in service, all have as their chief aim the glory of God and the extension of His Kingdom. The words of the Great Commission could be printed above each door as a fitting motto for, while suffering bits of humanity are being cared for on their beds, these hospitals carry the loads of all humanity in their hearts and those who serve within their walls are praying for the time when "the Sun of Righteousness shall rise with healing in His beams"—healing for the bodies, minds and souls of all people.

#### SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOSPITAL

THERE is one hospital which belongs to all southern Baptists, the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans. The story of the beginning of this hospital is an interesting one, especially to women because it tells of a woman's dream come true. Mr. Clyde L. Breland tells this story as follows:

The New Orleans hospital, like so many other good things, was born from the loving heart of a woman. "Mother" Kelly, whose portrait in oil adorns the walls of the hospital chapel where the nurses and other employees gather each morning at 6:30 o'clock for their daily devotional service, was reared in the Catholic faith and used to worship regularly at historic Saint Louis Cathedral. While she was yet a young woman her husband's health failed and, to find quiet and rest for him, they went to live in a cottage in the pines at Covington, Louisiana. There they were visited each Thursday by Mrs. Kelly's devoted brother, Mr. Randolph

Morgan of Mandeville, who always brought a basket of groceries and otherwise looked after their needs.

A devout evangelical Christian, Mr. Morgan always carried his Bible and would urge his sister to read it, but she would always decline, saying that she should not read the Bible as it was against the tenets of her faith to do so. However, as the months dragged along and brought but little improvement to her husband, Mrs. Kelly's heart began to grow weary. Finally, in desperation, she confessed to her brother that her burden was very heavy to bear. And the loving Christian brother seized his opportunity.

"Yes, Tina", he said, "I know your burden is great; and you cannot bear it alone. But Jesus can bear it for you. Won't you surrender to Him and let Him save you and carry all your cares?"

Again he pled that she take the Bible and read from its pages. This time, to his surprise, she accepted it.

After watching her brother depart she sat down on the porch of her cottage, Bible in hand, and breathed a prayer: "O God, help me to find something in this Book that will enable me to know my brother's Christ". She opened the Book at the thirteenth chapter of John and began to read. When she had read into the fourteenth chapter her eyes rested on these words of the Savior: "I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by Me".

The Holy Spirit touched her heart and she whispered a prayer of surrender to Jesus. And at 2:08 P. M. on April 26, 1912—just eight minutes after the Book was placed in her hands—Mrs. Clementina Kelly, aged 35, passed from death unto life.

She was led by her brother to unite with the Central Baptist Church in New Orleans. There were but a handful of Baptists in the entire city but Mrs. Kelly became an ardent evangelist. She met with many a rebuff but all undismayed she persevered in her task of seeking to make Christ known to her Catholic friends in the city.

Working with the lost in the charity wards of the hospital, she began to dream of a time when great southern Baptist institutions—particularly a hospital—would impress New Orleans with the seriousness of the purpose of southern Baptists to give Christ's healing power to the unsaved multitudes of the great city.

One Sunday night she had a part on the program of the B.Y.P.U. in her church, when the topic was "Hospitals". She chose as her subject, "Why Not a Baptist Hospital in New Orleans?" The president of the organization was so deeply impressed with her talk that he urged her to submit it to the *Baptist Messenger*, Louisiana state Baptist paper. It appeared on the front page of that publication on August 23, 1919, and thus came to the attention of Baptists elsewhere. How the idea thrilled! Baptists had grown accustomed to seeing great Catholic hospitals in protestant cities but a Baptist hospital in a Catholic city was something new under the sun. The Southern Baptist Convention took up the project with enthusiasm, the Home Mission Board appropriated \$250,000, the State Mission Board of Louisiana \$100,000, and a bond issue yielded \$400,000. Interested citizens of New Orleans raised \$80,000 for the purchase of the two city blocks on Napoleon Avenue where an eight-story building was erected and was dedicated in March, 1925, beloved Dr. B. D. Gray of the Home Board delivering the dedicatory address.

Thus did a woman's dream come true and today there stands in Catholic New Orleans this wonderful institution of healing. Mr. Breland tells us that in the beginning the hospital faced the problem of procuring patronage, because the

Catholic population of New Orleans was reluctant at first to patronize a Baptist institution. But little by little the prejudice died until today the problem is not patronage but space. So a new building is in process of construction which will add seventy-five beds, two operating rooms and other necessary laboratory and dietary space.

This hospital is a great missionary institution. Free treatment was given last year to 479 patients. Among these were inmates of the Woman's Emergency Home and the Rescue Mission, two home mission institutions in New Orleans. Missionaries of the Home and Foreign Boards and of several state boards are cared for each year. The Grace McBride Y.W.A. holds weekly meetings and daily chapel services are conducted. Everything possible is done to produce a religious atmosphere among doctors, nurses and patients. Young women nurses, trained in this institution are continually going out as missionaries on foreign fields and others are finding places of service in the homeland where they are giving their lives for the alleviation of human suffering in the name of Christ. The hospital stands as a light amid the darkness of one of the strongest Catholic strongholds in America. "Here southern Baptists have proved the sincerity of their love in a manner which has appealed progressively to that city and through the hospital Baptists are breaking down barriers of antagonism so that the Catholic population is beginning to listen to the Gospel message".

Mr. Breland suggests that any societies or individuals who so desire can furnish rooms in the new annex. A room with a bath costs \$200 and one without a bath \$150. Bronze plaques will be placed on the doors of the rooms thus furnished. Mr. Breland adds: "But whether the women of the south are able to do more than is involved in their offerings through the Cooperative Program or not, all of them will rejoice in the progress of the cause of the Lord as evinced in the enlargement of our great missionary hospital in New Orleans and will breathe a prayer to God for its ever-enlarging success in its ministry of 'Healing Humanity's Hurt'".

#### ECHOES from HOSPITAL HALLS

**Leader**—If we could hold our ears close to the walls of the Baptist hospitals in our southland we would hear many sounds: the patter of nurses' feet as they go up and down the halls, ministering to suffering ones; the whispered consultations of the doctors as they give their best thought to their service for the sick; the groans of those lying on beds of agony; the happy sighs as their pains are eased by loving hands; the tender words of sympathizing friends; the prayers on the lips of anxious loved ones—all of these are the sounds that echo day by day along the halls of Baptist hospitals. There have come to us from some who spend their days in hospital halls stories which as they are told will echo in our hearts with thankfulness for the Christian ministry of our Baptist hospitals.

#### A Nurse Learns to Pray

(An Experience Related by Frances Barbour, Student Secretary of the Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee)

Filling an appointment with a junior student nurse, I gathered from a somewhat confidential conversation that she was greatly disturbed over a feeling of doubt and uncertainty in her soul. After questioning her about her experience with Christ, I felt sure that she had accepted Him but was not getting real joy from her Christian life. I asked her if it would be agreeable if I closed the door and we engaged in a prayer together. She looked at me candidly and directly and said "Frances, that's just it, I can't pray". As reverently as possible I answered: "Velma, I'm your friend and you've been talking with me quite freely and there

is nothing I wouldn't do for you if it were in my power—but Jesus is your friend too, and you can talk to Him just as frankly as you have been talking to me—and the most wonderful thing about that is that He can give you what you lack and I can't". She promised that, alone in her room and down on her knees for several nights, she would give it a try before she slept.

She had stated that she read the Bible frequently but not with a great deal of interest. I suggested that she continue reading and asked her if she had anything in the nature of a daily devotional book. She said that she wouldn't need one but I insisted that we get mine and read the suggested passage for that day. We recalled the date to be July 6. When we opened the book to that day we found words that ran something like these: "Neither know we what to do; but our eyes are upon Thee" (*II Chron. 20:12*). "Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for him. Things may seem to be going wrong but He knows as well as we: and He will arise in the right moment if we are really trusting Him". And then, this bit of verse—

"Being perplexed, I say:  
Lord, make it right!"

Being in doubt, I say:  
Lord, make it plain!"

Then, this concluding statement—"It is such a comfort to drop the tangles of life into God's hands and leave them there".

> I shall never get away from the feeling we had during those moments. Neither spoke for an instant. It seemed as if Jesus were pointing to those very words and speaking to us in person.

The following morning several girls exclaimed: "What in the world has happened to Velma? She seems like a different person. She has been moping for a long time but today she is bright and confident".

I thank God for this experience and pray for more, and that I shall grasp every opportunity to be used.

#### A Miracle of Prayer

(Told by Mrs. R. C. Rudisill)

Baby Alice had come into a home where both father and mother were heart-bungry for a child. For ten years they had hoped that God would bless their home with the coming of a little one and then their dearest wish was realized in the birth of little Alice. She was such a beautiful, happy baby, with little ways that made you her willing slave. Oh, how mother and father delighted in their lovely baby girl!

Then one day when Alice was only six months old she was suddenly stricken with pneumonia—that terrible and dreaded disease. She was taken to the Baptist State Hospital of Arkansas where the best doctors and nurses, with the best scientific equipment, did their utmost to save the life of the little one. With every available resource brought to bear, the little one seemed to sink lower and lower until the end seemed near. Then came the moment when to all appearances life left the little body and respiration ceased. The faithful doctors knew that there was nothing left for them to do. But there was a praying mother and there was a Christian nurse who were agonizing in prayer for the life of the little one even after apparently the breath of life was gone.

Then the miracle happened. The healing Christ—hearing these prayers, uttered in agony—in tender mercy blessed the work of these faithful doctors, heard and answered these heartfelt prayers: little Alice breathed once, then again, then respiration regular and deep was established. From that moment the child began to improve and continued until she was fully recovered. "All things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive".

#### A Gift of Appreciation

(In Arkansas the women of the missionary societies and other interested people send gifts of food as well as linen and hospital supplies to aid in the work of the State Baptist Hospital at Little Rock. Mrs. Rudisill tells a touching story of a gift that came as an expression of gratitude from an old man's heart.)

One of our good Baptist women was traveling in north Arkansas with her husband whose business carried him there. While waiting for him in one of the small towns she was accosted by an old man who seemed very feeble. He asked her if she lived in Little Rock and she told him she did. Then he asked her if she would do him a favor and she said she would gladly.

The old man went to his house, just a little way off, and came back with a package and asked our friend if she would take that to the Baptist Hospital. Of course she agreed to do this and then he told her that he had lost his wife and that he was left entirely alone now with no one to look after him. He said: "My wife was a patient at the Baptist Hospital in Little Rock and, oh, they took such good care of her and did everything they could to help her. They tried so hard to make her well but it was of no use and she passed away. Now, I've always wanted to do something for that hospital and I have nothing of any value to give, but I would be so glad if you would take this jar of tomatoes to the hospital and tell them I sent it. My old hands did the canning and it is all I have to give".

#### The MINISTRY of HEALING on MISSION FIELDS

THE missionary value of the ministry of healing is greatly increased on the mission fields. We need to realize that sanitation, medical science and hospitalization are by-products of Christianity and are unknown where the Gospel has not been preached. So there is far more physical suffering among heathen people than in Christian lands; and the treatment of native doctors often increases rather than decreases that suffering. This produces a great need for the ministry of healing which is the medical missionary's opportunity. Missionary doctors and nurses minister to the physical suffering of people and thereby make opportunities to minister to their soul suffering. Hospitals in heathen lands stand as houses of love, demonstrating Christian love in the most practical way. The purpose of all medical work is evangelistic and thousands of people are reached through the ministry of healing who perhaps would never be reached in any other way. In Africa—Medical work is especially needed in Africa, where the filth, ignorance and superstition of the people produce many physical ills. Perhaps no spot on earth is there more physical suffering than in Africa. Blindness, ulcers, leprosy, dysentery, malaria, yellow fever, smallpox and sleeping sickness are some of the black shadows of disease which add to the darkness of the Dark Continent. The only native doctor is the witch doctor, who by magic charms and useless medicines adds to the suffering of sick people.

Among southern Baptists' missionaries in Nigeria are some whose special work is to minister to the physically afflicted. The center of this medical work is the hospital at Ogbomoso, where about 2000 patients were treated last year. An interesting by-product of the hospital is the work of caring for motherless babies. Since the Nigerians know nothing of artificial feeding, these babies would die except for the loving care administered by our missionaries. This is the special service of Miss Ruth Kersey; but while she is on furlough Miss Kathleen Manley, in addition to her work as nurse in the hospital, is looking after Miss Kersey's babies. Another interesting part of the work at Ogbomoso is the leper colony. The British Empire Leper Relief Society assists in the medical treatment of the lepers and in the industrial training and welfare of the colony, but the mental and spiritual welfare of the lepers and the general oversight of the colony are done

by the missionary staff of the hospital. A day school is conducted and a Baptist church maintained among these lepers.

Beside the work at Ogbomoso, dispensaries are conducted at Iwo and Oyo. In these dispensaries and in the hospital over 3000 patients were treated last year. Every one of these "heard the Gospel message and came in contact with the Christian influence of the doctors and nurses, American and African, who ministered to the bodies and souls of those who were sick".

**In China**—The need of medical work in China is staggering. It has been said that there are enough sick people in China to fill all the hospitals in the world. And yet not until Christian missionaries carried the ministry of healing into China did her disease-cursed people know anything about hospitalization and the relief of scientific medical treatment. We have now in China eight hospitals and about twenty-two missionaries engaged in medical work. These gave treatment last year to over 60,000 patients.

It is impossible to give the present status of the work in our hospitals in China, for the Japanese invasion of China is bringing such rapid changes that up-to-date information cannot be given in program material which must be written three months before it is used. In the last report of the Foreign Mission Board, published almost a year ago, the work of all hospitals was going on in spite of war conditions. In some the war had brought great opportunities in the caring for wounded soldiers. The hospital at Chengchow, with a capacity of only eighty beds, had had at one time 260 patients, 150 of whom were soldiers.

However, since this last report was sent in, we know that some of our hospitals—notably Chengchow—have been bombed and it may be that others will be before this program is used. In the February issue of *The Commission* is the news that on New Year's Eve the Foreign Mission Board received the following cablegram: "Kweilin hospital gutted, fire, Japan bombs". Who can know what sad story of destruction may have been included in those few terse words? At that time there was no news of the eight missionaries stationed at Kweilin.

On September 17, 1938, the John Stout Memorial Hospital at Wuchow was bombed. There were 1000 refugees in the hospital at that time and two of these were killed; but the fifty-five on the hospital staff, the fifty attendants and 117 in-patients were uninjured. Of this large number of workers in the hospital only two nurses and two cooks left. The rest resolved to stay till death. These stood around the ruins of their beloved hospital building and pledged themselves anew to the service of God and of suffering humanity. Such is the spirit of those who are giving themselves in China to the blessed ministry of healing.

**In Cuba**—The only medical work of our Home Mission Board is in Cuba. There we have two dispensaries: one in Cardenas and one in Havana. In Cardenas the pastor is the physician in charge and has his clinic in rooms adjoining the church. In Havana quarters for the clinic were provided in the recently remodeled Temple. Dr. McCall says: "In both cities this work is demonstrating its value. It costs little as now conducted but it enlarges the churches' contacts and opens many doors to the Christian worker. It should be enlarged".

#### MINISTERING to AGED MINISTERS

CLOSE akin to the ministry of healing is that of ministering to aged ministers of the Gospel. Those who have given long years of faithful service in the preaching of the Gospel and who are now too old for active work call for our sympathy and practical helpfulness. The agency through which southern Baptists minister to aged ministers is the Relief and Annuity Board, located at Dallas, Texas, with Dr. T. J. Watts as executive secretary.

As indicated by the name of this Board it works through two departments. Through the Relief Department it furnishes help for those ministers and their widows who are already old, giving them a small stipend each month. The Annuity Department has several plans whereby preachers and the denomination together provide for the time of disability of the preacher. The Age Security Plan is one whereby the preachers and their churches, by paying into the Board a per cent of the salary paid to the preachers, provide for their future support. The latest plan, and the one which Dr. Watts feels is the climax of the Board's efforts, is known as the Ministers' Retirement Plan. By this plan the churches and mission boards in the different states cooperate with the Annuity Board in providing for the future of the preachers in the respective states. Dr. Watts says: "This plan has been adopted by twelve states and has already been put into operation in Texas and South Carolina. Ten other states will put it into operation during the present year and several other states are considering the matter by social committees appointed by their conventions".

A gracious service of the Relief and Annuity Board is the pension plan for foreign missionaries. According to this plan the missionary and the Foreign Board each pay a certain amount each year to the Annuity Board which provides for the time when the missionary must be retired. Already more than seventy foreign missionaries have been retired under this plan and there are 430 who are paying dues according to the plan each month. The Relief and Annuity Board is operating also a plan for the missionaries of the Home Mission Board and for those of a majority of the state mission boards.

During the twenty-one years since the formation of the Relief and Annuity Board more than two million dollars have been paid out in grants through the Relief Department. Adding what has been dispensed through the Annuity Department brings the benefits of the Board through the years up to the sum of \$3,500,000. Dr. Watts says: "The Relief and Annuity Board has brought great aid and comfort to a great host of denominational workers—ministers, missionaries etc., and in the future it will do vastly more".

#### BENEDICTION

*(A young woman, dressed as a nurse, holding a Bible, enters and gives by memory the following, while "The Great Physician" is played softly on the piano.)*

"When the golden evening gathered on the shore of Galilee,  
When the fishing boats lay quiet by the sea,  
Long ago the people wondered, tho' no sign was in the sky,  
For the glory of the Lord was passing by.

"Not in robes of purple splendor, not in silken softness shod,  
But in raiment worn with travel came their God,  
And the people knew His presence by the heart that ceased to sigh  
When the glory of the Lord was passing by.

"For He healed their sick at even, and He cured the leper's sores,  
And sinful men and women sinned no more,  
And the world grew mirthful hearted and forgot its misery  
When the glory of the Lord was passing by.

"Not in robes of purple splendor but in lives that do His will,  
In patient acts of kindness comes He still;  
And the people cry with wonder, tho' no sign is in the sky,  
That the glory of the Lord is passing by".



Through the ministry of healing in Baptist hospitals, in the homeland and on foreign fields, the lame are walking, the blind are seeing, the lepers are being cleansed, the sick are being raised from beds of affliction, and both the rich and the poor are having the Gospel preached to them. Those whose pains are eased and whose hearts cease to sigh because of this blessed ministry feel that the glory of the Lord is passing by—only it doesn't pass by but stays to bless the lives of these healed ones who pass on that blessing to still others needing the touch of the Great Physician.

Remembering the service of these who seek to reach and make disciples of all nations through the beautiful ministry of healing, let us sing one verse of "The Great Physician" and then repeat together our benediction:

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

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

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

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

### NEXT MONTH, Y.W.A. CAMP

**Y**ES, June 20-30 is the date for our 1939 Southwide Y.W.A. Camp at Ridgecrest, N. C. Some member or members from the Y.W.A. of your church are surely coming to share in all the high experiences. Again and again pastors have given grateful testimony to the awakened missionary zeal of young women who have gone to Y.W.A. Camp and returned to stir an entire church to new interest in the Kingdom. Many Y.W.A.'s select Y.W.A. Camp as a vacation trip at their own expense; many others want to go to Y.W.A. Camp and that desire is given fulfillment by part or complete expenses from the fostering W.M.S. The W.M.U. young people's director and the Y.W.A. counselor will see what the society can do about sending a representative Y.W.A. to Y.W.A. Camp. Often a little encouragement will make attendance possible. The blessings which follow as a result of the Camp experiences bring immeasurable dividends from such investment.

Y.W.A. Camp is planned particularly for young women and so impresses them as no other Baptist gathering can. For ten days, Christian young women of southern states and of several foreign countries live together in friendliest companionship with gracious consecrated older women, missionaries and leaders in denominational life. In this happy relationship young womanhood sees Christianity in action—persuasive, conclusive living which cannot fail to convince that uncompromising allegiance to and unstinted service for Christ are the way of beautiful released personality. All the

leaders are people whom it will be a benediction for your daughter, for the young women of your church to know. They cannot all come to your home or your church but at Y.W.A. Camp they become actual friends, not merely names to be recognized with honor. Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, president of Woman's Missionary Union; Miss Kathleen Mallory, executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union; Mrs. W. J. Cox, treasurer of Woman's Missionary Union; Mrs. Carter Wright, stewardship chairman; Mrs. R. K. Redwine, W.M.U. representative; Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, principal of W.M.U. Training School; Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, mission study chairman; Mrs. J. B. Boatwright, president of South Carolina W.M.U.; all the state W.M.U. young people's leaders—and this is but a beginning! The executive secretaries of Foreign, Home, Sunday School and Ministerial Relief and Annuity Boards will all be present. There will be missionaries from home and foreign lands—Miss Martha Franks from China, Mrs. Edwin Dozier from Japan, Miss Vena Aguilar (a French young woman missionary to the French), Miss Alice Wong (a Chinese young woman). What a roll call of worthy people to hear speak, to meet in person, to laugh and visit with, to talk to about life's problems! Dr. W. O. Carver will be the Bible Hour speaker this year: no man of our day can interpret the missionary purpose in the heart of God more clearly. Dr. L. R. Scarborough, president of Southern Baptist Convention, will speak. And so the program promises rich treats this very summer. The mountains offer the inspiration of their scenery, recreation will be planned by experts.

The enrollment fee is \$2; the hotel rate is \$2 a day. Write at once to your state W.M.U. young people's leader for reservation for your Y.W.A.'s. No trip, no ten days, can be more meaningful than coming to Y.W.A. Camp, June 20-30.

## MARGARET FUND

Chairman: Mrs. H. M. Rhodes, Tennessee

Trust ye in the Lord forever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.

**T**HE strength of Jehovah has undoubtedly been shown in the development and in the continued work and service of the Margaret Fund: His everlasting strength and help have given encouragement and blessing as its scope and usefulness have been increased from year to year. The Lord has been our faithful leader and ever present help in all trials and perplexities that may have been connected with this enterprise.

Now again do we look toward the approaching annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, bringing great inspiration and joy. One of the most helpful and important of the annual session activities is the Margaret Fund Committee meeting, which brings together the state chairmen for their only meeting during the year, when they confer with each other in regard to the students' problems, applications etc. It is most important that each state Margaret Fund chairman attend this meeting but if this is impossible she should have her state W.M.U. vice president or executive secretary substitute for her, so that all important information may be passed on to those interested in the leadership of this work. The committee will meet at 9 o'clock on Monday morning, May 15, at the Biltmore Hotel in Oklahoma City.

Then on Thursday noon, May 18, the luncheon of the Margaret Fund Committee will occur. The annual luncheon is always a happy occasion, enabling the state chairmen to become better acquainted with each other and also permitting them to meet some of the students and missionary parents. From this close contact the chairmen

often receive real advice and very constructive criticism.

The state chairmen were asked to send their reports to the southwide chairman by April 20. These reports are intended to convey interesting information concerning the students as contacted by the respective chairman, who in turn is especially commissioned to inform them concerning the Elizabeth Lowndes Scholarship.

Any information concerning former students will be gratefully received—such as present work, marriage, scholastic honors, death etc.—for compiling alumni data. Readers of this magazine will confer a favor by giving any such information to their state chairman.

Margaret Fund students and their parents have been reminded that applications for scholarships should be received in ample time for consideration at the May 15 meeting of the Margaret Fund Committee. Another request is that the students let the southwide chairman know their summer addresses, because it is often important to have such information. Likewise, all students are expected to see that their reports are sent to the southwide chairman.

With but few exceptions, Margaret Fund students make splendid records, so Woman's Missionary Union delights in having such fine young people to aid in her labor of love. May all who enjoy the privileges of the Margaret Fund realize that it was for the love of Christ and His ambassadors that the Fund was established and may they feel the sacredness of their duty to take advantage of every opportunity thus afforded them. The gifts which build this fund are too sacred and sacrificial to be indifferently or carelessly used.

May the "everlasting strength of the Lord Jehovah" be ever our aid and guide in all that we attempt to do in His blessed name through the Margaret Fund.—Mrs. H. M. Rhodes, Southwide Chairman



## FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



### IN KENTUCKY MOUNTAINS

THE Appalachian Mountain region embraces a portion of seven of our southern Baptist states. There is great and imperative religious need in this region in each of these states. The distribution and number of unevangelized vary in each state.

Through the years southern Baptists have attacked this mountain problem through mountain mission schools. When conditions obliged the Home Board to discontinue aid to its schools in Kentucky, the field was left untouched by southern Baptists. Our Board resumed assistance in the Kentucky mountain work when W.M.U. provided funds from the Annie W. Armstrong Offering in 1934; the writer was given the signal honor though almost impossible task of home mission evangelization in these mountains. We have been called by the Board "Missionary-Evangelist" under the leadership of the Holy Spirit we have endeavored to render the service indicated by this title.

Into this vast territory comprising nearly one-third of the state's area and including almost one million people, 80% of whom are yet lost (in several counties there are still more than 90% unevangelized), the Home Board now has two men missionaries and their wives and one woman missionary. Rev. Bert Caldwell's activities are limited to one of the thirty-two mountain counties. Miss Minnie Berry is working in a community surrounded by a large mining population. The writer and his wife minister in evangelistic meetings in small or mission churches and stations and in remote unchurched sections. We seek first to win the lost to Christ. Then we aid in organizing churches, in securing funds etc. for modest church houses.

We have had the joy of assisting in ordaining preachers who have yielded to the call to preach under the influence of your missionaries. During the vacation period we conduct many Vacation Bible Schools in which we feel we render our most effective service. Often your missionaries conduct Vacation Bible Schools during the day and evangelistic services at night. In the winter season we are busy with Sunday school and B.T.U.

study course work, with classes in Baptist doctrines and with Schools of Missions within and without the mountains. We also assist mission churches in their Every Member Canvasses. Your missionaries regularly conduct mission Sunday schools in communities where there are no churches.

Baptists are not the only ones doing mission work in these mountains. In many of the sections of greatest need we are doing far less than other denominations.

The mountains, long known for their persistent stand for the "status quo", have in recent years become the seed-bed for heresies, false religions, communism and frenzied, almost heathenistic religious practices. The most recent development is the sect that "proves they are right with God" by holding in their hands and draping about their head, neck and body rattle-snakes and copperheads. Among those not so fortunate as to have a great deal of education and who have not been blessed with the correct Scripture message, this unChristian, semi-heathen practice spreads. There are now many snakes hibernating in specially prepared boxes for use in services next spring and summer.

The small army of Baptist workers must be increased. 1—Our Home Board should be enabled to supply more trained missionaries, the best it can find. 2—Our native preachers must be trained; Clear Creek Mountain Preachers' School near Pineville, Ky., needs aid that it may increase its service already proven invaluable. 3—Hand in hand labor our pastors aided by state mission funds; we need more of these. 4—Church buildings are sorely needed; in one association composed of 29 churches and 17 mission points, there are only 14 Baptist church buildings; the others use school buildings, show halls, old store buildings etc. 5—Undergirding these and for the supply of these there must be continued prayer; your prayers do bring results. 6—Surely W.M.U. will continue to accompany her prayers with her gifts.

God bless W.M.U. and shine on and through you to benighted sections in our mountains.—Rev. Lewis W. Martin, Jeff, Ky.

### CIRCLE PLANS (Concluded from Page 16)

Lecture V: The teacher has a rich field in covering these closing chapters 9, 10, 11 and 12 in a most dramatic climax. As an epilogue tell the story of Mrs. Sallee's recent return on November 11th to her troubled China for another period of service in the great needy field so loved by Christ's ambassador, W. Eugene Sallee.

Monday evening's session, May 15, has a highly important and interesting program. Its devotional will be led by Mrs. W. J. Cox. For other features of that opening session of the fifty-first annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union see pages 7-9.

### "The Love of Christ Constraineth Us"

THE love of Christ constraineth us to make our lives send out  
A radiance that proclaims Him, and exiles every doubt  
From minds that grope in darkness, yet yearning for the light  
Of God's eternal mercy, His banishment of night.

The love of God constraineth us to tell others of Christ:  
They haven't heard the story of how He sacrificed  
His life that others need not know the curse, eternal doom  
And punishment to those poor souls who fail to give Him room.

The love of Christ constraineth us to live for Him each day:  
To give our tithes and offerings and for His cause to pray;  
To praise Him in each task we do, to heed His ringing call,  
"Go ye!" His love constraineth us to give to God our all.

—Mrs. Mildred Sherrer Andrews, Fla.

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and, there and then, he had his first convert in Europe—a woman. Thank God for Lydia!

**Atmosphere and work of women predominant.** The teachers in our Sunday schools and particularly for the junior age are mostly and mainly women; the junior age is the most imperative and important of all ages in evangelism. My experience as pastor for a number of years and my observation as pastor-evangelist for six years have been that the greater number of soul winners have been women. Likewise have the visiting and personal work in revival campaigns been mainly done by women, the leaders in the W.M.U. The personal service work done in the W.M.U. offers them the privilege to make soul winning predominant.

**Fearful facts face the future.** The whole world lieth in wickedness. The larger part of the population of our southland is unevangelized. The tendency of many women in the tide of the times is to turn toward the ways of the world. This condition of our country is calling us back to Christ. There must be a revival of Christianity in our churches if our churches are saved.

**W.M.U. responsibility in the 1939 campaign**—The revival will necessarily need to start in and with the W.M.U. The spiritual atmosphere in our churches in the main is wielded by the women. What the home life is lies literally with the women. The influences that shape the world socially, civilly and religiously are determined in the home. What the churches are, what the community, state and nation become hangs with the home. The first institution God established upon the earth is the home and that, for the progress, perfection and happiness of the human race; the only other is the church, which Christ organized and to which He gave the commission: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature". Let's do it!



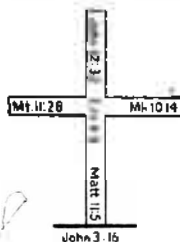
## BOOK REVIEWS



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.

**Heaven Knows:** Margaret H. Brown; New York, Friendship Press, 1938; Pages 168; Price \$1



Much fiction is being published, now, dealing with the war situation in China. This is the first book of fiction we have seen, however, dealing with the refugee problem from the standpoint of Christian missions. Written by a missionary of the United Church of Canada who was on the spot in the siege of Shanghai two years ago and afterward, it tells with vivid realism the story of a country family that arrived in Shanghai not long before the siege and the part the missionaries played in helping them readjust their broken lives and learn that Heaven really does know and care.

The author states her purpose in writing as follows: "I send forth this little book in the humble hope that it may enable some of those who have given of their time or substance to aid in the overwhelming task of relief in China to visualize more clearly what their help has meant to many of the simple peasants. I have a further hope that some who have not as yet shared in this great work may read these pages and that the simple tale told here may move them to help".

As was to be expected, the book lacks the finish and polish of a professional writer, yet it is deeply moving and gives just such a continued, concrete picture of the situation in China as all of us have needed. We hope many of our women and young people will read it. (For suggestions as to teaching this book, see April Royal Service, page 14.)

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## CURRENT MISSIONARY EVENTS



Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

There is a probability that medical missionaries from the United States may be barred from practice in two large provinces in India. Madras and Bombay have introduced restrictions which prevent those holding medical degrees granted by countries which do not allow Indian doctors from being registered as doctors in these provinces. The United States does not admit East Indians to citizenship and does not recognize medical degrees from Indian Universities.

From the *New York Times* we learn that it is being made practically impossible for foreign physicians, missionary or otherwise, in Manchukuo to accept Japanese, Korean or Manchurian patients. Recently when a Korean woman patient of a British doctor died after an operation, two Japanese lawyers induced the family to swear out a complaint, and the doctor was arrested on the charge of manslaughter. After two weeks in jail he was released upon payment of a large sum to the family. It seems that Japan is responsible for making it increasingly difficult for foreigners living in Manchukuo.

Not a great while ago the Chinese high command sent out a circular letter to Christian hospitals and churches, asking them to cooperate in bringing the Christian message to the wounded. In one city five churches sent two or more workers each day to write letters, have personal talks and hold services for small groups. The work grew so large that a full-time worker seemed necessary and the five churches cooperated in providing the salary for the right man who was found among the refugees.

The Philippine Commonwealth celebrates an Annual National Hospital Day when all the hospitals of Manila are open to the public for inspection and are rated by a committee headed by the Director of Public Welfare. For three successive years a hospital operated by a protestant denomination has

won the highest award among hospitals having a capacity of a hundred beds or more.

From our own hospital in Hwanghsien, China, comes the following testimony: "The most significant thing that I have found here in the hospital or elsewhere is the strong sense of God's presence in all things. You would love to hear the prayer I heard one night for the people of Japan. Truly Jesus walks among us, and we are continually refreshed by His precious promises." *The Commission*

Surely the class that will graduate, May 30, from the School of Nursing of the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans has a treat in store. Miss Kathleen Mallory, our own executive secretary, is to be the commencement speaker. It is said of this hospital: "Never in its history has the Southern Baptist Convention had an institution which anything like approached the non-Baptist contacts which are made every month by the Southern Baptist Hospital."

The Christian Medical Council for Overseas Work was established in New York in June 1938, by twelve missionary societies of North America which have long sought a way by which their medical work might become better correlated at home and more effectively integrated with the needs of the environment abroad. The first task of the Council will be to act in keeping up the standards, professional and spiritual, of the medical and nursing appointees of the various mission boards. *Missionary Review of the World*

Sensing the spirit of the times, Kagawa now asks all persons whom he receives into church membership, in addition to the usual questions, whether they are willing to suffer persecution, and if necessary go to death for the sake of the Gospel.

*Out of the Past* is the heading of a column published weekly in the *Religious Herald* of Virginia. The items from each issue are taken from an issue of the same week forty years before. Following is an item from the March 2, 1919, issue: "Special literature has been prepared for the use of Woman's Missionary Societies during the week of Prayer for Home Missions which will be observed March 12-18 (1899). There is a program by Miss F. E. S. Heck, a narrative leaflet entitled 'Her Resolve, or a Heavenly Vision' by Mrs. E. Y. Mullins, and an appeal by I. T. Tichenor. In addition, for the first time envelopes for the offering have been prepared."

## Royal Service



enables its host of subscribers to see close up and also far off mission facts, serving like a microscope and like a telescope too. No W.M.S. member can afford to miss this two-fold help. Likewise is it true that every W.M.S. member can afford to have it, since the price is only 50c a year from



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On page 35 of the March issue of this magazine the rates of many Oklahoma City hotels were given. Write directly to hotel of your choice for reservation as desired. Any one desiring accommodations in a boarding house should write to Mrs. C. W. Warr, 905 N. W. Thirty-Eighth Street, Oklahoma City, Okla.

### DELEGATES and VISITORS to MAY MEETING

Each state W.M.U. is entitled to fifty delegates, including W.M.U. vice president, to the annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union in Oklahoma City, May 15-17. Please endeavor to have a full delegation and a large number of visitors from your state present for the opening session on Monday night and for each of the four subsequent sessions. The very attractive and comprehensive program is published in this magazine. (Pages 7-9)