

Royal Service



Jehovah saith: "Them that honor Me I will honor".

I Samuel 2:30

He that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Let each man do according as he hath purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

II Corinthians 9:6, 7

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EDITORIAL

SOME STIMULATING STATISTICS

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



Who said figures are cold, dry, uninteresting? They may be pulsing with life, stirring and stimulating. Sitting in meetings recently of the Sixth Baptist World Alliance with representatives of twelve million Baptists around the world was deeply stirring. Visualizing that vast number of our world fellowship, sharing their burdens, rejoicing in their success served to quicken and energize each person privileged to share the high hours of that mountain-top experience. Ask any Baptist what is the most appealing feature of such a meeting: the universal answer is the "Roll Call of Nations". And what is the roll call but a recounting of figures, numbers of members, Sunday school attendance, young people's activities, growth? The rapt attention given each national representative is proof that figures are not cold or dry or uninteresting. Because these figures express life and growth and activity they are stirring and highly stimulating.

Have you ever settled yourself for a concentrated study of the statistical tables in the minutes of W.M.U., making comparisons with last year or ten years ago? We commend this exercise as very worth-while. If you have not made such comparisons, you will profit by the study made by Mrs. W. C. James and presented on the *Current Missionary Events* page in September *Royal Service*. Get your copy and reread this summary of stimulating statistics. Feel again the thrill that members of the 1939 annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union shared in realization of attainment of the high goals for the Jubilee Year. Think of the blessings that have come to you and to your young people through W.M.U. organizations and activities. Realize anew your debt to the plans and program of these organizations, for missionary vision and quickened missionary purpose. Then think on the records of 1939, now being written so surely, records to be closed forever in but a few more months. What can you, what *will* you do about them?

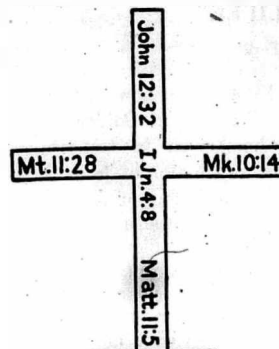
More than half of the 24,932 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention have no missionary organization to train and enlist women and young people in obedience to the Great Commission. How many of these vitally lacking churches are in your association? How can you plan now to bring the missionary inspiration to them that will bear fruit in a W.M.S. and in such W.M.U. organizations of young people as the membership of the church justifies? Thus you will stimulate missionary interest and giving, which will surely quicken the life of that church, stimulating its members to more Christlike living. Such effort will bring its own reward to your society, to the Christian lives of its own members.

The stimulating statistics of 1938 stir us to marked effort to excel in 1939, not that we may report more societies and more auxiliaries with more members but that the glowing purpose of W.M.U. to stimulate the missionary spirit and the grace of giving may find fuller expression in our own lives and in all of our churches. The Baptist World Alliance brought a clear declaration of Baptist principles. Primary and central is obedience to Christ's commission to go, tell. Obedience to Him brings life and growth and activity. The record is told in figures, lives saved and enlisted. Figures are not cold, dry or uninteresting; they are pulsing with life, they are stirring and stimulating.

SOUTHWIDE BAPTIST REVIVAL

CONTEMPLATION, CONVICTION, COMMUNION

Dr. Arthur Fox, Morristown, Tenn.



mark. This is seventeen times our number at the organization of the convention ninety-four years ago, and ten times our number when the W.M.U. began her matchless ministry. Our numbers are large but our activities are little. Our records of last year show an average of only one baptism for every eighteen of our church membership. This is a distressing reflection and rebuke on Baptist believers. We must improve it or beseech our Father for forgiveness. Let us lift up our eyes and look on the field!

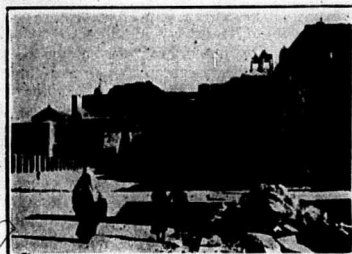
Conviction to Be Had—The Bible is our basis for soul winning. The whole scope of the Scriptures may be centered around three words: Savior, sinner and salvation. The all-consuming passion of the Gospel is to bring a sinning world to a saving Christ. In the Bible is written the will of God; the Holy Spirit is to enlighten and teach His followers His will. It was thus the Psalmist sang: "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and light unto my path". "Give heed to reading", says the apostle Paul. "Search the Scriptures", says Jesus, "for they are they which testify of Me". Ezra brought on a revival in his wicked times by the public reading of the Holy Word. He read from early dawn to mid-day. All our homes in these days should have the Word of God read in them even as in all of our worshipful gatherings. A revival is already on, when we begin the reading of the Bible. Christian influence and power go from the home when it fails to read the Bible and ceases to commune with Christ. Amos wrote of a famine in the land, "not a famine of bread nor a thirst of water, but a hearing of the words of the Lord". Woe betide the times when such a famine flourisheth! "The Word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart". A particular place and part the sacred Scriptures must play, if the people experience a peculiar presence of power of holy awe in the worship of God.

Communion Essential—Communion is essential. Prevailing prayer is imperative. We must travail if we would prevail. Prayer precedes power, Pentecost is the proof. The holy record relates that Hezekiah was sick and on his death bed. All he could do was to pray: that was enough: he could pray. It was all he needed to do. He never completed a sentence; tears and weeping overcame him; perhaps he was going to ask to live one more year. God added fifteen years to his life because he said: "Remember, O Lord, how I have walked before Thee in truth and with a perfect heart and done that which is good in Thy sight"—God could not turn him away when he had nothing between his soul and his Savior. And to let him have the assurance that he would be well on the third day and would go up to the temple, God turned the sun back in its course five hours just to let him know that He had heard his prayer. Elijah prayed and the heavens were shut up for three years

and six months. He prayed again and the rains came at his petition. Joshua prayed and the sun stood still in its course till the battle was won. God hears prayer. Let us pray! What a privilege to pray! What blessings in prayer! What a sin not to pray, and not to pray for everybody. How Jesus prayed! He prayed morning, noon and all night. How He could pray! How I wish I could have heard Him pray! Of all that the disciples wanted to do like Him, the one chief thing is found in their profound request: "Lord, teach us to pray!" May every one of us be possessed with the spirit of prayer!

"JESUS WALKED in GALILEE"

Mrs. J. M. Dawson, Waco, Texas



These four little words, how they tug at our hearts! Walking in Galilee reveals the divine humanized in transcendent fashion. The incarnation of Jesus Christ is the most important fact of all time, the crossroads of history, the answer to the heart cry all down the millenniums of time. The Holy Book was given, inspired by God Himself, prophets spoke in thunderous tones of warning or tender notes of compassion, still men were not satisfied.

Wistfully they waited for One, the promise of whom was a golden thread upon which all the centuries of time were hung. In the fulness of time He came, identifying Himself with us. How tender our hearts become as we remember His entrance into this human world. If we had been planning it, how different it would have been. We would have made of it a pageant with stage directions as follows: The army marches by, array of the great ones, fanfare of trumpets—Enter the King! But God's ways are so different. Our tinsel pageants fade. God works in slower and surer ways. He rings no bell, He blows no trumpet but, when He would woo the heart of the world, He leaves a baby on our doorstep, a baby to make a woman cry.

How wonderful that He did not come as His people had dreamed, riding a charger, smiting His enemies hip and thigh, nor as a powerful monarch seated on a throne ruling with a rod of iron. But humbly and gently "Jesus walked in Galilee". So I can draw very close to Him and tread with Him the dear familiar paths through the narrow streets of Nazareth nestling among the hills. In that tiny little carpenter shop all of earth's toilers may find new inspiration for their labor. And ever since Jesus was guest at the lovely wedding in Cana of Galilee the foundation of the home has had a holier significance. Let us walk with Him in the crowded mart of old Capernaum. A father in anguish implores His help. What matters it if he is a man of vast importance? He, like all classes of men, seeks Jesus in the hour of distress. How prompt the response and yet even as He hurries along to strike the cruel braggart, Death, there is time for the wasted little woman who timidly touches the hem of His garment. Walking with Jesus we go down the quiet country lanes, up the steep mountain paths, through the "gentle folk of corn", beside the limpid lake. We learn that even the little sparrow, like a king, cannot fall unless it is His wish. We feel the passionate throb of the Father's heart over the lost boys, one at home and one in the far country. Walking with Jesus we journey on to Judea where the way leads to a cross on a lonely, skull-shaped hill. A cross was humanity's only gift to Him. With hushed and holy awe we hear, "It is finished!"

"Who Ministered unto Him"

UNTO the Christ and His work in Brazil and Mexico and China four southern Baptist missionaries lovingly and faithfully ministered and now have entered into their eternal reward. To Brazil, as founder of Baptist work there, Dr. W. B. Bagby gave three score years just lacking one. To his beloved companion of all those years tenderest sympathy goes forth, even as it does to Mrs. E. A. Nelson, whose dauntless husband in the Amazon land labored for Christ's Kingdom under the scorching sun of forty-two summers. Words cannot appraise the work of the Bagbys and the Nelsons—only increased prayers and gifts for the growth of Baptist missions in Brazil can show the denomination's gratitude for these "defenders of the faith."

To a kindred Latin people there went in 1900 Mrs. Frank Marrs to Mexico with her young husband, who now writes concerning her helpfulness in their missionary partnership: "I was a merchant when we married. After a few years, when she knew of my battle concerning my convictions as to what the Lord wanted me to try to do in His Kingdom work, she said: 'Though I married you as a business man, if the Lord wants you in the ministry, go right ahead! I'll never be a hindrance and will help all I can in every possible way'—and that's what she did through the years. She was my best inspiration and help in every human way". To Dr. Marrs in his extreme loneliness sincerest sympathy goes forth, even as thanks ascend for the missionary ministry of Mrs. Marrs.

And yet another heroine of the Cross went to meet her Lord this past summer, Miss Cynthia Miller who went as a pioneer nurse to north China in 1905. When she knew late this summer that the Great Physician was summoning her, she made the following requests of her sister: that she be buried in a Chinese dress and that if there should be friends who cared to send flowers "please tell them to give the money to missions instead". Surely she gave her all! In expressing the loving sympathy of Woman's Missionary Union to Miss Miller's devoted sisters, there goes the promise to "have a heart for China" even as she did.



JUGOSLAV BAPTIST WOMEN



WHEN YOUR CIRCLE STUDIES "The Way of Missionary Education" by Miss Juliette Mather, many stimulating suggestions will be available from the following discussion by Miss Willie Jean Stewart, book reviews editor of this magazine. Miss Stewart's appreciative review of Miss Mather's book will be found on page 10 of this issue. Miss Stewart further says:

Your first effort in teaching this book may well be to make the problem of the missionary education of young people inescapably personal to every member of your circle. To this end, ask that each bring to the first meeting of the class pictures of the children and young people in whom she is most interested. In the moments when the group is assembling, pass these about and encourage the women to talk about them. At the beginning of the study period, set up these pictures before the group, saying that it is not some far-off young people but these, whose missionary education you are to consider and plan for in the studies ahead. Call on a mother or grandmother to pray for these and all the young people in your church and in all the churches. Following this, use from the book as many as appeal to you of the suggestions for Worship Period I; then go on to teach the lesson, using the outline of the chapter and such teaching suggestions as time permits. Reserve about twenty minutes of the hour for consideration of the questions for discussion and recitation on the chapter. Close by showing the prayer calendars in *Royal Service*, *World Comrades* and *The Window of Y.W.A.*, urging each woman not only to use one of these herself but also to enlist her young people in using them.

For the second meeting, secure as many pictures as possible of the adult leaders in your church. Place these on a poster grouped around a picture of your R.A. Chapter or, if you have no R.A. Chapter, then use pictures of some boys of that age in your church. Speak of how much your church depends on these leaders of the present and show the women that this younger group's success in leadership and the measure of its monetary support and its missionary interest depend for its training on what they do now. Follow with worship and study as suggested in the book.

In succeeding class sessions try, in like manner, to tie up your teaching with the young people of your church. For lesson 3, see if you can find an old World War poster. Get a snapshot, too, of your Y.W.A. girls in red cross veils. Note that not only your young men but also your young women must suffer the horrors of another war unless you hasten to try to prevent war by developing a feeling of world comradeship among the young peoples of the nations through mutual study and understanding. For chapter 4, use helpful posters; and for chapter 5, organization posters, showing groups of your own young people of appropriate age.

As an outcome of your study, make definite plans to organize or to foster better each of the organizations of a Full Graded W.M.U. See that each woman not only knows what each age group is called but also at least the name of the leader of each group and has some definite idea of what circle members can do to foster each organization.

TEACHING the BIOGRAPHY of FANNIE E. S. HECK

MRS. C. D. Creasman, program editor of this magazine, taught this past summer the biography of Miss Heck by Mrs. W. C. James. In the August issue of this magazine—pages 1, 16, 21—and on page 1 of its September issue enthusiastic notices were given concerning the biography. In teaching it in your circle you will get much added help by studying the methods used by Mrs. Creasman when she taught the book as follows:

Not many teachers have the experience of teaching a book before it is off the press, but such was my privilege at the Assembly at Palacios, Texas, as I taught from galley proof Mrs. W. C. James' delightful biography, "Fannie E. S. Heck". Since the class had no books for lesson study the lecture method had to be used for the most part, the teacher telling the life of Miss Heck as a story continued from day to day. However, every effort was made to obtain pupil participation, as the members of the class were asked to discover and place in their notebooks certain things revealed in the telling of the story.

First, we made a list of the influences of heredity and early environment that entered into the formation of Miss Heck's character. This was especially helpful to teachers of children and to the mothers in the class who found much in this study to emulate in their work with children and other young people.

Mrs. James' suggestion of "Hidden Springs" led us to the study of instances in Miss Heck's life associated with water. This line of thought could be made most interesting by searching for metaphorical references to water in the Bible and applying these to the life of Miss Heck.

We found great joy in reading together the writings of Miss Heck as given in the book. By including many of these, Mrs. James has made her book truly a storehouse of rare treasures.

We discussed day by day the things that made Miss Heck charming—her good taste in dress, her varied talents, her thoughtfulness of others, her love for young people etc. Again, we noticed her varied activities—in Sunday school, in clubs, in civic life etc., discussing how these things enriched her experience and increased her efficiency and influence in W.M.U. work, which became the center of her life.

Of course it was in the study of Miss Heck's leadership in the work of Woman's Missionary Union that the book reached its climax of interest and inspiration to us. As we made a list of things in W.M.U. work which either originated in Miss Heck's mind and heart or were worked out by her and others during her three terms as president of W.M.U., we found that practically every thing in our W.M.U. life of today was included. So we often turned aside for practical discussions of prayer, enlistment, stewardship, mission study, personal service, young people's work, the Margaret Fund, the W.M.U. Training School and other activities of the Union so closely linked with the life of Miss Heck.

On the last day of our study we walked with gentle footsteps and hushed voices through the last year of her life, living in the holy atmosphere of the "Blue Sky Room" and finally joining the throng of women who went with her to the edge of the "River of Water of life". When at last the study of this "rarely useful and victorious life" was ended, we all agreed that Mrs. James had given us a wonderful story of a wonderful woman—a story sure to inspire all, who study it, to higher and nobler living and to increased loyalty to every ideal of Woman's Missionary Union.



BOOK REVIEWS



Miss Willie Jean Stewart, Tennessee

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The WAY of MISSIONARY EDUCATION: Juliette Mather; Broadman Press, Nashville, 1939; (Write to State Baptist Book Store concerning price.)

THERE has long been need of a somewhat exhaustive treatment of the young people's work of Woman's Missionary Union designed to inform and enlist all the women in the missionary societies in whole-hearted support of the various organizations of the Full-Graded W.M.U. This book has been prepared to meet that need. In her foreword Miss Mather says of it: "For some years Mission Study Courses I and II outlined by Woman's Missionary Union have required study of books on all the W.M.U. chief aims except the sixth, *Missionary Education of Young People*. This book has been written to provide a study of young people and the plans for their missionary education". Certainly no one in the Union could be better prepared to write such a text than the young people's secretary. In addition, she gratefully acknowledges the counsel and suggestion of the young people's leaders in the various states. Consequently, the plans proposed represent the best thinking and experience of those definitely charged with responsibility for the work under consideration, always a distinct advantage when dealing with somewhat technical plans and programs.

The plan of the book is quite simple. Each chapter is devoted to a great aim: *Prayer and Bible Study, Stewardship* (with special reference to tithing), *Mission Study, Personal Service, Fostering of Young People's Organizations*. These various aspects of the work are presented with a happy balance between concrete illustrative material and the practical aspects of planning and method, with the greater emphasis on the former as is meet in a book proposing to give general information rather than one planned for use as a manual of instruction for leaders.

It is inevitable that in such a treatment much of the material given should not be new to well informed members of that host of missionary societies which foster young people's organizations in their churches. Nevertheless, even the best informed of these will find it helpful to get in a brief compass of one book a full picture of the Union's plans and hopes and ideals for its young people and will find inspiration as well as information in the wealth of illustrative material. At the same time, those who are less well informed will welcome the opportunity to learn the essential facts concerning the organizations they may foster and the plans they may best use to impart missionary information, arouse missionary investigation and secure missionary participation on the part of the children, boys and girls and young women in their homes as well as their churches.

The book is particularly well adapted to use in classes. Each chapter is carefully outlined. There are exceedingly attractive suggestions for a brief worship service in connection with each class period. And the questions for discussion and teaching suggestions prepared by Mrs. George McWilliams of Missouri are unusually stimulating and effective. We believe that the book will be most successful in informing and enlisting an increasingly large group of our women in full, intelligent support of the Union's program for its young people.



BIBLE STUDY



Ella Broadus Robertson, Kentucky

GOD'S WARNINGS against COVETOUSNESS

Col. 3:5; 1 Tim. 6:9-11; Prov. 11:24; Matt. 19:22-24; 6:19-21; Luke 12:15



The Scriptures given here are unusually varied and urgent. In Colossians we see covetousness in company with the grossest sins of uncleanness—for luxury and self-indulgence blind nobody's eyes but the guilty ones. And it is called idolatry, because if one worships money he cannot worship God. *Worship!* Yes, if money has become the all-important thing! A few verses farther on, Paul surprises us again. In "putting away" these sins he includes five kinds of anger, also lying. That is to say, a deal of quarreling is over money. And it's not worth it.

To his beloved Timothy Paul speaks of the temptations of the rich and those "minded to be rich"—for a poor person can be bit by the passion for money. People sometimes carelessly quote here, "The Bible says money is the root of all evil". It isn't *money*, it's the *love of money*. And the King James translators nodded over their Greek. The "Revisers" got it right—not "*the* root of all evil", but "*a* root of all evils". This, as we have seen above, is literally true. But observe Paul's antidote—loving the best things, righteous and godly living, faith and love, patience and meekness. The last seems particularly incompatible with money-grabbing. Here, by the way, is something worth noticing about faith, hope and love. Whenever Paul mentions two of them, look for the third close by. Here he says "faith and love". Where is hope? The very best hope is three verses down: Timothy must fight confidently on, "until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ". And money, how will it look in that day? It depends entirely on how we have used it.

Back in Proverbs is a warning, which even a few years of observation will confirm. Tightfistedness is a bad mistake. The man who holds back "what is justly due" (*see margin*) seldom profits in the long run, even financially. He is contrasted with the generous spirit that makes money yield happiness to others as he goes along.

Now we have three warnings from Christ Himself. As the rich young ruler turned sadly away, unable to let go his money because it had got hold of him (and he didn't know it), he brought a sad thought to Jesus: how hard money makes it for some people! What a burden it is! Jesus says to the astonished disciples it is impossible* for a rich man to enter the Kingdom except by the grace of God. His money must be surrendered to God, all of it, held as a trust to be spent for His glory, else it keeps him out. Here He is applying what they had heard Him say in a sermon about treasures on earth which do not last and treasure in Heaven

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*Note—The "camel" and the "needle's eye" are not to be softened into the picture of a little gate inside the big gate, a tight squeeze for a laden camel. That gate was never called "the needle's eye" till long after this.



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 W.M.U. Chief Aims-- "Tithes and Offerings"

Vow and pay unto the Lord your God: let all that be round about Him bring presents unto Him that ought to be feared. (*Psa. 76:11*)

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver. (*II Cor. 9:7*)

"Ye are not your own".

"Faithful over a Few Things"

1st Day—Lev. 25:23; Col. 4:11, 14

2nd Day—I Cor. 6:19, 20; Luke 4:16-22

3rd Day—Psa. 24; Luke 4:25-27

4th Day—Hag. 2:8; Luke 11:11-13

5th Day—Deut. 8:17-20; Acts 1:1-5

6th Day—Heb. 7:4-17; 9:28; Luke 1:26-38

7th Day—I Cor. 16:1-10, 18, 14;

Gen. 25:27-34

"A Willing Offering"

8th Day—Prov. 3:9, 10; 11:24; 3:13-18

9th Day—Matt. 10:7, 8; 19:16-21;

Rom. 14:13-23

10th Day—I Cor. 13:3; Eph. 4:11-16

11th Day—II Cor. 9:1-15; Luke 2:40-42

12th Day—Lev. 19:5; Luke 2:43-47

13th Day—Ex. 36:3-7;

35:21-29; Luke 2:48-52

14th Day—Ex. 25:1-9; Luke 3:1-6

15th Day—Matt. 25:14-30; Luke 13:1-5

16th Day—Matt. 6:19-21; 23:23;

Luke 3:10-14

17th Day—I Cor. 9:13, 14; Psa. 51:1-10

18th Day—I John 3:16-24; Luke 3:7-9

19th Day—Matt. 20:1-16; Luke 3:15-17

20th Day—Luke 12:42-48; 3:18-22

21st Day—Prov. 20:6; 28:20; Luke 1:13-16

"Tithes and Offerings"

22nd Day—Lev. 27:30-34 (T); Luke 6:43-45

23rd Day—Deut. 14:22 (T); Lev. 10:8-10

24th Day—Gen. 28:22 (T); Num. 6:1-4

25th Day—Matt. 23:23 (T);

Prov. 23:20, 21, 29-32

26th Day—Deut. 12:11, 12 (T, O);

I Cor. 9:24-27

27th Day—Deut. 16:10, 11, 17 (O);

Rom. 14:13-23

28th Day—Luke 12:13-21; 4:1, 2, 14

29th Day—Mark 12:13-17; Luke 4:16-30

30th Day—Mark 12:28-34; Matt. 25:31-40

31st Day—Mal. 3:8-18 (T); Rom. 8:1-11

"Pray Ye"

Thanking God for safety and refreshing experiences of the summer

Seeking guidance in work of the fall and winter, withal pledging to "follow where He leadeth"

Remember W.M.U. activities such as: (1) plans for study in preparation for December Week of Prayer; (2) efforts to be A-1, also to have every resident woman member of church a contributor to missions; (3) enlistment and personal service; (4) stewardship of tithes and offerings; (5) missionary education of our young people in W.M.U. organizations in churches, colleges and hospitals.

"Study to show yourself approved unto God, handling aright the Word of truth" in soul winning. (*Page 5*)



Calendar of Prayer

October, 1939

Prepared by Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona



FOR a faith that will not shrink
Though pressed by every foe,
That will not tremble on the brink
Of any earthly woe.
Lord, give us such a faith as this,
And then, whatever may come,
We'll taste e'en here the hallowed bliss
Of an eternal home.

—W. H. Bathurst

Topic: The Great Commission and the Chief Aims of W.M.U.-- "Tithes and Offerings"

1—SUNDAY

Increase of tithes among southern Baptists
Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse
... saith the Lord.—Mal. 3:10

2—MONDAY

W.M.U. annual meeting of Mexico
I commend you to God and to the Word
of His grace.—Acts 20:32

3—TUESDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Knott (*Aurora Hargrave*),
evangelistic workers, Harbin, Manchukuo
The people among which thou art shall
see the work of the Lord.—Ex. 34:10

4—WEDNESDAY

Dr. Harvey Clarke, emeritus missionary
from Japan; Dr. R. E. Pettigrew, emeritus
missionary from Brazil; also Edward Pet-
tigrew, Margaret Fund student
Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I
say rejoice.—Phil. 4:4

5—THURSDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Hayes (*Heleen Ford*), evan-
gelistic-educational workers, Recife, Mr. and
Mrs. Allen (*Edith Ayers*), educational
workers, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; also Arnold
Edmond Hayes, Margaret Fund student
Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore
get wisdom.—Prov. 4:7

6—FRIDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Becerra, Weslaco, Mr. and
Mrs. Villaverde, McAllen, Texas, workers
among Mexicans
Walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us.
—Eph. 5:2

7—SATURDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Cuilpepper (*Ola Lane*), evan-
gelistic workers, Mr. and Mrs. Newton
(*Mary Woodcock*), evangelistic-educational
workers, Hwangshien, China; also Charles
Cuilpepper, Margaret Fund student
All the ends of the earth have seen the
salvation of our God.—Isa. 52:10

8—SUNDAY

A debtless denomination of southern Bap-
tists by 1945
Whoever is of a willing heart, let him
bring an offering unto the Lord.—Ex. 35:1

9—MONDAY

John and Samuel Groover Shepard, Mar-
garet Fund students, whose parents served
many years in Brazil; Pauline Medling,
Margaret Fund student, whose father died
in service in Japan
Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear
children.—Eph. 5:1

10—TUESDAY

Annual meeting of Arizona W.M.U., Cal-
vary Baptist Church, Casa Grande, Octo-
ber 10, 11
Prepare your hearts unto the Lord and
serve Him only.—I Sam. 7:3

11—WEDNESDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Cantu (*Santos Rodrigues*),
Taylor, and Mr. and Mrs. Adalpe, Crystal
City, Texas, evangelistic workers among
Mexicans
Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever.
—Psa. 45:6

12—THURSDAY

Dr. and Mrs. B. L. Marchant, Little Rock,
Ark., Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Sharpe, Baker,
La., educational workers to their own
Negro race
Ponder the path of thy feet and let all
thy ways be established.—Prov. 4:26

13—FRIDAY

Drs. M. R. and Elisa Robinson Vivanco,
Miss Ruth Goodin, educational workers,
Havana, Cuba
In Him was life, and the life was the light
of men.—John 1:4

Calendar of Prayer for October

14—SATURDAY

Annual meeting of W.M.U. of Chile
Unto everyone of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.—Eph. 4:7

15—SUNDAY

W.M.U. of Japan, meeting at Seinan Jo Gakuin, Kikura, October 16-19
There is none holy as the Lord—I Sam 2:2

16—MONDAY

Annual meetings of New Mexico, Central Baptist Church, Clovis, October 16-17; Maryland First Baptist Church, Baltimore, October 17-20
Thy right hand, O Lord, is become glorious in power—Ex 15:6

17—TUESDAY

Miss Blanche Bradley, medical worker, Miss Florence Jones, evangelistic-educational worker, Pingtu, Mrs. Stephens (Gerne Carter), evangelistic worker, Tsingtau, China
The Lord hath comforted His people—Isa. 52:9

18—WEDNESDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Garcia (Amada y Torres), Havana, Mr. and Mrs. Forrer (Maria y Sabulanga), San Jose, Cuba, evangelistic workers
He that winneth souls is wise—Prov. 11:30

19—THURSDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Bouum (Fata Mujers) evangelistic-educational workers, Kwelin, Miss Jessie L. Green, educational worker, Wushow, China
I, even I, am He that comforteth you—Isa. 51:12

20—FRIDAY

Growing conviction of stewardship of tithes and offerings among southern Baptists
Take ye from among you an offering unto the Lord—Ex 25:5

21—SATURDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Cooper (Zionie Tompkins), evangelistic workers, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace, for I am with thee—Acts 18:9, 10

22—SUNDAY

Faithful efforts to secure a gift to missions from every resident woman member of southern Baptist churches
The gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord—Rom. 6:23

23—MONDAY

Miss Minnie Berry, evangelistic worker among mountaineers, Vicco, Ky.
Make Thy face to shine upon Thy servant.—Psa. 31:16

24—TUESDAY

Mr. Hernandez Brownwood, Mr. Rodriques, Devine Texas, evangelistic workers among Mexicans
He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit—John 15:5

25—WEDNESDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Riffley (Prudence Amos), evangelistic workers, Miss Minnie Landrum, W.M.U. worker, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings—Isa. 52:7

26—THURSDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Fleytes (Margaret y Serra) Aguarate, Miss Virginia Perez, Madruga, Cuba, evangelistic workers
A man is justified by faith without the works of the law—Rom. 3:28

27—FRIDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Hitcher, evangelistic workers to Indians, Stillwell, Okla.
Whosoever is born of God overcometh the world—I John 5:4

28—SATURDAY

Mr. Dominguez Artesia, Mr. Gallegos, Las Vegas, New Mexico, evangelistic workers among Spanish-Americans
This is our God; we have waited for Him—Isa. 25:9

29—SUNDAY

Power of the Holy Spirit on those who preach and those who hear
Now is come salvation and strength and the Kingdom of our God and the power of His Christ—Rev. 12:10

30—MONDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Guatzen, Beville, Mr. and Mrs. Contreras, Waulder, Texas, evangelistic workers among Mexicans
Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God and serve Him—Deut. 6:13

31—TUESDAY

Miss Agnes Miller, Basile, Mrs. Duncan, Pineville, La., workers among French
Take fast hold of instruction—Prov. 4:13

*Attended W.M.U. Training School
*Attended Southwestern Training School
*Attended Baptist Bible Institute
*Former Margaret Fund Student
**On Furlough



MARGARET FUND



Chairman: Mrs. H. M. Rhodes, Tennessee

ELIZABETH LOWNDES SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

IT IS with great joy that we again announce the winner of the Elizabeth Lowndes Scholarship which is given for outstanding scholarship, leadership and character to a Margaret Fund student, who is a senior. Dorothy Green, who is attending Meredith College at Raleigh, N. C., is this fine young woman. The entire southern W.M.U. congratulates her. The record as made by Dorothy during the past three years is very high. Her work has been "among the classics" in literature etc.—a difficult course has she taken and yet with such success!

Dorothy's parents are Dr. and Mrs. George Green of Africa, two of our finest and most faithful missionaries. We congratulate them on the honor that has come to them through their daughter. She sketches her own life as follows:

"I was born in June of 1918 in Ogbo-moso, Nigeria, on the west coast of Africa. I am the third one down in a family of four girls. 'The Big Four' had a wonderful time together, doing all sorts of delightful things such as: playing at tea parties among the bamboo trees and keeping innumerable dogs, cats, kittens, puppies, monkeys and parrots as pets. We really did have a 'grand and glorious time' and when we were old enough to start to school we began reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic under Mother's wing. Of course we were all in different grades but that only added to the excitement of the thing.

"So until I was twelve years old and ready for the seventh grade I was an 'African'. Then we came to America where May (the second oldest) and I began our careers as Americans in high school at Danville, Va. In that city lived our oldest sister, Virginia, who had already been in America for many years,



having finished school and married. May and I stayed with her to 'get wisdom' in the approved fashion, since Mother felt that our approaching the realms of Latin and French was a little too much for her.

"I finished high school in 1936 but I had not 'stayed put' in Danville all that time. During the summers of 1934-36 I had worked at Ridgecrest as 'chamber-maid, auditorium-straightener, general filler-in on the staff'.

"In the fall of 1936 I entered Meredith College in Raleigh, N. C., as a freshman and as a beneficiary of the Margaret Fund. The beauty of the three years that I have had at Meredith could never be told in just plain words. It has been to me a glorious adventure, with infinite numbers of surprises just around every corner. This year as a senior is entered with mingled emotions

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TRAINING SCHOOL



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

STUDENTS IN SUMMER SERVICE

THE train sped through the darkness of the June night. I was the only passenger in the coach, miles away from home with only the kind conductor and the lights twinkling from the little cabins along the way to ward off loneliness. At last, however, my seventeen hour journey was ended! I found myself in the little station at Fleming, Kentucky, and rushed into the arms of Mary Elizabeth Fogle and Mary Carrello. Gone was the loneliness—three Training School girls were again united and were to work together for a month in the very heart of their own Kentucky mountains.

We were placed in a lovely Christian home, high up on a hill. Surrounded by all the beauty and grandeur of the mountains we could truly say with the psalmist, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills".

We were in two schools daily. Each morning we went to Hemp Hill, a little mining camp. On the first day the Fleming pastor, with amplifiers on his car, drove us through the narrow streets. In response to the call "Come on, boys and girls, be at the old Show Hall in half an hour to enroll for Bible School" children came from everywhere! Our opening programs consisting of flag salutes, music and pictures were held in the little hall. Then we went to the three-room school-house for the remainder of the morning's program. Parents and grandparents peered curiously from porches and doorways to watch us as we passed.

It was my privilege to be the "storyteller" for the juniors and primaries. Never can I forget their eager faces as, starry-eyed, they begged for just one more story or song! Barefoot boys and lovely girls in the very simplest clothing came with hearts and minds hungry, open, ready. They were literally starving for affection, eager to follow anyone who had time for a smile, a warm embrace or a cheering word.

As the story of the life and death of our Savior was unfolded through pictures and stories, hands were lifted as little lives were surrendered to the Master. No church, no Sunday school, only an old show hall in which to learn of Jesus: and yet, many little ones were soon ready to follow in His footsteps.

Our last two weeks were spent in a miner's little three-room cabin far up on the mountainside. The father, who is superintendent of the little Sunday school in this camp, slept in the cellar so that your Training School girls might have a bed. He and his family have been Christians only a few years, an aged grandfather is yet unsaved. The father told us that his earnest desire is that his two boys may be ministers and the two girls missionaries.

Our mountain people love music—it is an open channel to their souls. A Sunday school class in my local church has provided a folding organ for Hemp Hill. How much it will mean there and in other nearby camps!

Most of the mountain traditions are rapidly passing, especially those of education, dress and methods of farming. In many instances we found that old religious traditions were rapidly giving way to new and false teaching. The needs are appalling: The opportunities are challenging! The call is urgent! "The harvest is plenteous but the laborers are few"—Lucile Lynch, Ky., Class of 1939



BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES



Miss Isabelle Coleman, Virginia

SUGGESTIONS

1. Posters. A large round dollar cut into ten equal segments—nine of which bear the word *Self*; one, *God*. A dollar bill fastened to the center of the poster; around the dollar paste ten dimes; by the side of nine print *Mine*; label the tenth dime *God's*. Print Malachi 3:10 in gold on black poster. Print on posters other verses calling Christians to tithe.



2. As members arrive give them a W.M.U. Tithing Box (secure from state W.M.U. headquarters); a card bearing one of the *Stewardship Sermonettes* (page 25) on one side and on the opposite side a Scripture verse calling God's children to tithe.

3. To every member give a folder-card. On cover, print: *Keeping Books for God*. On page one rule off columns: *Income, Expenditures for Self, My Tithe to God, My Love-Gift to God*. On page two: *My Prayer List*. On back cover: a favorite poem, as: verses of "I Gave My Life", "Living for Jesus", "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross".

TOPIC—GOD'S REQUEST: TITHES and OFFERINGS

Quartette (Softly): "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Scriptural Symposium (Read Bible selections requesting and illustrating tithing; also see page 11.)

Psalms 51 (Accompanied by Soft Music)

Silent Prayer (Accompanied by Violin Melody, "I Gave My Life for Thee")

Introduction: "The Great Commission and Giving" (Page 19)

Flash Cards: "God's Financial Plan" (Present posters portraying material on page 20.)

Hymn: "A Charge to Keep" —Prospects: "What Tithes Could Do" (Page 21)

Retrospect: "What Unpaid Tithes Are Doing" (Page 23)

Round Table: "Stewardship Sermonettes" (Page 25) and "Stewardship Plans" (Page 25)

Chain of Prayers

Above the Tithe: "The Great Commission and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering" (Page 26)

Bookkeeping for God (Let every member figure the amount due God as her tithe and list offerings as over and above. Challenge members to make a definite gift plan with God.)

Prayer-Pledge to God (in Silence)

WOULD WE DO LESS?

The temple gardens were cool and restful. Colorful maple leaves shimmered in the clear sunlight and songbirds played in the fountain waters. Delicate fragrance of the brown pine needles mingled with the perfume of flowers bordering the flagstone walks. Occasional women and girls and a pilgrim clad in white sackcloth come to worship and to lay upon the idol-altar their offerings. Suddenly the stillness is broken by the rattle of a heavily laden wheelbarrow. It is an offering of grain and wine, even one-tenth of a Shintoist's annual harvest. Even the pagan, who has never heard of Jehovah, God, and His love, has a conscience about his duty to his god and, strange to say, he also believes that the tenth is the minimum gift. Would we do less for our Savior and Lord? He has asked it of us. And this is His plan by which all the world may have the same chance that we have had to hear the Gospel.



PROGRAM PLANS



Mrs. T. M. Pittman, North Carolina

With the PROGRAM COMMITTEE

"Ye are God's husbandry". This verse has come to mind as we again turn to the study of stewardship. It is part of that verse so dear to the hearts of all—"For we are laborers together with God; ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building" (1 Cor 3:9). Moffatt translates it: "We work together in God's service, you are God's field to be planted, God's house to be built".

Why is a field planted? We say that we plant food crops and money crops. A farmer supplies the needs of his family by furnishing them food with certain crops and sells other crops that he may buy supplies he cannot grow.

If we are God's field to be planted, what results or crops shall the Great Planter expect? May they be called food crops and money crops?

The food crops are those plantings that produce in us Christian virtues, a Christlike character and cause us to grow into the stature of the fullness of Christ. This crop is of the inner life that shows itself in the good fruit of the good tree.

The other crop of this Heavenly tillage is that which affects all that a Christian possesses. It is God's plan that we are to supply the needs of His Kingdom on earth. While all belongs to Him, He limits His source of supply to the share we give Him of our possessions. "It is He that giveth thee the power to get wealth" (Deut. 8:18). He gives us power to secure the means of supporting His Kingdom work, then He depends upon us to furnish the supply. We are His ploughed and cultivated fields and as such we must yield food for His hungry world and bring in money for the support of enterprises established in His Name.

This thought may be woven into the material given by Mrs. Creasman. The Program Committee will need to decide how this may be done to the best advantage. (See pages 19-27.)

The idea of stewardship has taken hold of the hearts of the women and they are teaching it to the young people. This is one reason for the growth of contributions in the past few years.

Again the committee will wish to lead up to the signing of stewardship cards. These should be in the hands of the stewardship chairman; her part on the program should be explaining of them and urging the women to try tithing for the rest of the year. Afterward—those who wish may renew, those who find tithing does not work may make different pledges.

One thing is certain about tithing: it requires a careful record of all money received. For those of large income it means real bookkeeping. For those who think they have no money of their own, a little book conscientiously kept will prove a blessing and a precious record as the years go by.

Recently one of our great hearted leaders in W.M.U. work passed on to the Heavenly Home. One of her daughters said: "When I was a child, I wondered how mother could give to the church and to missions so constantly. She gave as much as many of the men in the church who had so much more money. So one day I asked her about it. She took me to her room and opened a book, full of figures. I had seen her writing in it many times. She showed me the columns where she had entered the money she received. Her salary as a teacher, the little amounts from a few other sources. Then she pointed out the column that recorded the Lord's tenth. Mother opened the Bible and showed me the references to the tenth and to God's promises to those who gave as He commanded. In the years", continued this daughter, "there came to be a great stack of these books that she kept. And truly was the promise of the Lord fulfilled for her and for us. Mother never received large amounts, yet she sent the three of us children through college. At our graduations and later at our weddings mother always appeared suitably dressed and ready to join in our pleasures and interests. The secret of it all lay between the covers of those ledgers where she kept faith with Him who is faithful in all of His promises."



PROGRAM for OCTOBER



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 W.M.U. Chief Aims—
"Tithes and Offerings"

Hymn for the Year

—Watchword for the Year

Bible Study—God's Warnings against Covetousness—Col. 3:5; 1 Tim. 6:9-11; Prov. 11:24; Matt. 19:22-24; 6:19-21; Luke 12:15-21 (Page 11)

Prayer that southern Baptists may be kept from the sin of covetousness

Hymn—I Gave My Life for Thee

—God's Financial Plan

The Great Commission and Giving

—Hymn—Jesus Paid It All

What Tithes Could Do

What Unpaid Tithes Are Doing

Prayer that there may be fewer unpaid tithes among southern Baptists

Stewardship Sermonettes

—Stewardship Plans

Prayer for God's blessings on all stewardship plans of W.M.U.

The Great Commission and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Benediction (Page 27)

The GREAT COMMISSION and GIVING



When Jesus gave the Great Commission to His Disciples He knew that no one individual would be able to go in person into

as important and as necessary as the work of the other and for every goer there must usually be many senders. Paul, in the tenth chapter of Romans, asked the question: "How shall they preach except they be sent?" Of course the answer is: "They cannot preach except they be sent; therefore they must be sent". And money is the means by which they must be sent.

all the world to make disciples of all nations. Certainly He intended that each disciple should go in person to as many people as possible but He also planned that some should be special missionaries, called to carry the Gospel to different places, while others should give the money to send them. Some must obey the Great Commission by being "goers" and others must obey by being "senders". Certainly the work of one group is

This brings us to a realization of the important part which money plays in the spread of the Gospel. While the task of world salvation is a spiritual one, material means must be used to transmit the spiritual message. The channel through which the Gospel flows out for the salvation of a lost world must be lined with the gold of the gifts of God's people. The chariots of God's grace must roll on paths paved with the consecrated dollars of Christians.

How blessed is the realization that by means of money every Christian can obey the Great Commission and go into all the world with the Gospel message! Even the missionary who consecrates his life to the missionary cause can go ordinarily to only one country and usually to only one small part of that country. But the Christian who consecrates his money to the missionary cause can fly on the wings of his gifts into all the world, giving the Gospel to all nations. The southern Baptist who supports all missionary work of southern Baptists can tell the Gospel story in an African hut, can give a Bible to a hungry heart among South America's lost people, can teach words of truth to children in a Japanese kindergarten, can minister to the sick in a Chinese hospital, can train preachers in a European seminary, can preach the Gospel to those of many nations in the homeland—he can have a part in all the work of all the missionaries and can share in every phase of work promoted by southern Baptists in obedience to the Great Commission. Surely this is a fact to thrill the soul of every Baptist who, by his gifts, is a "sender" of the Gospel to all nations. Such a sender becomes in truth a goer and has the satisfaction of knowing that he is obeying the Great Commission.

GOD'S FINANCIAL PLAN

SINCE money plays such a large part in the program of the Great Commission a reasonable question is—"How much of a Christian's money should be devoted to this work?" When one contemplates the enormity of the missionary task, the importance of the eternal destiny of human souls and the debt which the individual Christian owes to God for the gift of his life, the salvation of his soul and the material and spiritual blessings which are his day by day, he feels that all he has belongs to God and should be laid on His altar to be used in His service. But God is generous and reasonable. He knows that a man must have the means for sustaining his life. He wants His people to

enjoy material blessings. So He does not ask them to give back to Him all that He has given them, but in His Word He gives a definite plan for the Christian's financial obedience to the Great Commission. That plan is embodied in the two words—"Tithes and Offerings". **Tithes**—God, who could rightfully claim all our material blessings as His own, claims only one tenth in saying: "The tithe is Mine". He commands that this tithe be brought to Him, not as a gift but as a debt which we owe to Him. Before Jesus ever came into the world, before He ever gave His Great Commission, the tithe was God's law, practiced by God's people. In fact it was a universal principle, recognized long before there was a written law and observed not only by people who knew the true God but even in the worship of heathen deities. When Jesus came He commended the Jewish law of tithing and we believe that He intended that it should be the measure of our financial obligation in obedience to His Great Commission. Certainly He would not have us do less under love than the Jews did under law. "If the pious old Jew, grubbing away on his rocky hillside with spade in one hand and sword in the other, could dig out one 'dollar' for God for every nine he kept, what does love demand of me in this peaceful, enlightened Christian land? If faithful Abraham who had only the first seven pages of our Bible for his Gospel, if David and Daniel and Isaiah looking forward by faith alone to a Christ who should come after, felt bound to pay God their tenth—what of us who have heard the story of Bethlehem, who have drunk of the water of life, who have met and loved the Good Shepherd, who have seen by faith Jesus lifted on the cross, who have heard the voice of the Spirit saying: 'Son, thy sins are forgiven thee'?" We are sure that the Apostle Paul was thinking of the tithe and more than the tithe when he said; "Let every man lay by him in store as God has prospered him". "As God has prospered" is the reasonable, sensible, fair provision of the tithe.

Offerings—And yet our full financial obligation to God cannot be met with tithes only. It is possible to rob Him not only in tithes but also in offerings. Therefore it must be understood that to our tithes, which are the payment of a debt, must be added the offerings as an expression of our love. There can be no offerings until the tithe is paid but after the tithe comes the blessed privilege of a love gift. He who faithfully tithes is never willing to stop with the tithe but just naturally adds the offerings.

God commands that tithes and offerings be brought into His storehouse that His work might be adequately financed.

God commands that tithes and offerings be brought into His storehouse that the Great Commission might be obeyed by all of His followers.

God commands that tithes and offerings be brought into His storehouse that all Christians might be able to go into all the world to give His Gospel to all people.

God commands that tithes and offerings be brought into His storehouse that His people might be blessed with all blessings promised to all those who pay tithes and give offerings.

Tithes and Offerings—God's all embracing plan for the support of all His work by all His people! Surely this is the plan that we must follow!

WHAT TITHES COULD DO

THE story of what the tithes of Christian people could do if they were faithfully placed in the Lord's treasury sounds like the fabrication of a wild imagination and yet it is the true story of what could and should happen. Some years ago the noted statistician, Roger Babson, gave some figures on tithing which would doubtless apply in even increased ratio today. His statement is as follows:

"The tithing system, if adopted by the churches, would give astounding figures. A compilation shows that the annual business turnover in this country amounts to more than five hundred bil-

lion dollars. It is estimated that of this amount four-fifths pass through the hands of the church people. One per cent of this amount would mean five billion dollars a year. Assuming that there is a profit of 10 per cent on this turnover, it would mean that there is coming each year to the church people of this country an income amounting to forty billion dollars. If the tithing process were in operation, this would give the church in tithes about four billion dollars a year. These figures seem very extraordinary, but on checking them up no flaws can be found. The facts are that the church people of the country are giving less than one per cent of their income to church and missionary work. If this were increased to 10 per cent the church would become the most powerful organization and the wonderful results which have been indicated could eventually come to pass. Then the church could come into its own in a great big way that heretofore it has been able only to talk about".

Our own southern Baptist statistician, Dr. E. P. Alldredge, estimates the annual income of southern Baptists at about one and a half billion dollars a year. That means that if southern Baptists faithfully paid their tithes, one hundred and fifty million dollars would flow annually into the Lord's treasury for the support of the Lord's work by southern Baptists. Instead, we gave last year a total of around thirty-five million to all causes at home and abroad, which means that southern Baptists paid a little more than one-fifth of their tithe and therefore robbed God of the other four-fifths.

Dr. R. C. Campbell in his book, *The Coming Revival*, gives the following comparison between Seventh Day Adventists, who really believe in and practice tithing, and southern Baptists, who claim to believe in it but most of whom do not really practice it. "There are 164,000 Seventh Day Adventists in America. They are doing mission work in 385 countries, colonies and islands and preaching their message in 714 lan-

guages and dialects. There are 452,000 Adventists in the world. Taking all these together, they gave \$3,062,000 to foreign missions in 1937; southern Baptists, numbering 4,595,602, gave \$1,077,996 to foreign missions the same year. Adventists, counting all their members on mission fields, gave an average of \$8 a member to foreign missions; whereas southern Baptists gave but a fraction more than twenty-one cents a member to foreign missions. On a per capita basis, the Adventists gave forty times more than southern Baptists gave. Had southern Baptists given as much per member as the Adventists gave, instead of raising only \$1,077,996 for foreign missions, we would have raised \$38,000,000 for this cause. If Adventists can do what they are doing to propagate the message that they have, what should not southern Baptists do in order to propagate their God-given message to the lost in all lands? Is an average gift of twenty-one cents per capita for southern Baptists proof or an indication of our vision, our plans and our love for the lost? Unless we mend our heartless, puny efforts our mission work will continue to drag and a thing that drags along is in danger of collapse".

Now let us stop and think for a minute of what could be done if we had our tithe of 150 million dollars annually to spend on the Lord's work.

Are we needing a new church building or better equipment for our own church organization? Are we wishing that our pastor could have a larger salary? Are we needing additional employed help in our church work? Remember that all needs of all our churches could be supplied—if *Baptists tithed!*

Do we think of many things that could be done to Christianize our own community, perhaps a Good Will Center opened, perhaps a city or associational missionary employed, perhaps a truck used to bring people to church services? All of these things could be done—if *Baptists tithed!*

Are we wishing that more children

could be cared for in our Baptist State Orphanage? Do we desire that our denomination shall support more adequately its aged ministers? Would we like to build and equip Baptist hospitals in large numbers throughout the south? Would we like to see every Baptist school out of debt, equipped, endowed and running over with students receiving Christian education? All of these wonderful dreams could come true—if *Baptists tithed.*

Are we wishing for more efficient state mission work—new missionaries employed, new stations opened, full-time pastors supplied for every needy field? We could have all of these—if *Baptists tithed!*

Do our hearts ache because of lack of necessary funds for the support of home mission fields? Would we like to see a large, well equipped work among Mexicans in the southwest? Would we like to send missionaries to every tribe of Indians in the southland? Would we like to give seminary training to every Negro Baptist preacher in the south? Would we like to place a Good Will Center in every foreign populated center in every southern city? Would we like to see all of our home mission work done on such a scale that the homeland would become Christian at a rapid rate? All of this could happen—if *Baptists tithed!*

Would we like to send every foreign missionary volunteer to the field of his choice? Do we long to see every foreign mission school, hospital and publishing plant well built and equipped? Would we like for every foreign missionary to have a comfortable home? Do we long to see flourishing Baptist churches in every spot on the earth's surface? Do we long to see missionaries go out in such large numbers as to be able to tell the story of Jesus to every creature in the whole world? Even these visions of Kingdom progress might be realized—if *Baptists tithed!*

Not only would all of these marvelous blessings come to the work of the Kingdom but our own lives would be won-

derfully blessed—if *Baptists tithed!* We believe that we ourselves would have better homes, that our children would have better educational advantages and that material blessings would abound in our lives if we were faithful tithers. And certainly we believe that great spiritual blessings would be ours, for God has promised to open the windows of Heaven and pour on the tither blessings so great that he shall not be able to receive them. That God keeps this promise is proved in the experience of uncounted thousands of tithers. Every time we use a bar of Colgate soap, eat a piece of Kraft cheese or enjoy a bar of Hershey's chocolate or drink a glass of Welch's grape juice we are using the products of men who went into business with God as a partner and who have testified to their belief that the success of their business could be attributed to the faithfulness of their stewardship of tithes and offerings. One writing of the blessings of tithing says: "The supreme benefit of tithing is not the money it brings to the church. It is the joy, the contentment, the individual personal happiness it brings into the daily life of the tither. To these the money standard does not apply. They can be neither weighed, measured nor counted, yet these and not the money are what God cares for. His glory is enhanced by the happiness of His children. To think that He cares for the money involved is absurd.

"True, our tithes are needed and do infinite good in the extension of His Kingdom, but His Kingdom and all of His churches are made up of individuals. God especially cares for individual people, just such people as you and I are.

"All of God's laws, including His law of the tithe, are intended to promote the highest good and greatest happiness of those who obey them. God's laws are God's will. When we pray 'Thy will be done', we are praying for obedience to His always good, kind, wise, loving laws, and joy, peace, contentment, happiness

and prosperity are the perfectly natural and to be expected results of obedience".

Many churches have in the last few years tried the "Prove Me" plan, putting God to the test as the members agreed to pay tithes for a certain period of time. Wonderful have been the results in every case. Gifts to the church budget have been multiplied many times, church debts have been paid, pastors' salaries raised and gifts to the Cooperative Program increased. And, best of all, those churches have been spiritually blessed. Attendance on church services has been increased, the daily conduct of members raised to a higher standard of Christian living and souls won to Christ in large numbers.

We have had this partial vision of what tithes could do if southern Baptists would just give them a chance by placing them in the Lord's treasury. Surely it is a glorious dream. Why can't we make it come true? We could if we would. Will you do your part?

WHAT UNPAID TITHES ARE DOING

WE have seen the wonderful things that could be done by tithes if they were paid. Now let us think about what the unpaid tithes of southern Baptists are doing.

First, how are these unpaid tithes being used? The most oft given excuse for not tithing is that it cannot be afforded. Of course this is a foolish excuse, a reflection on the integrity of God who would never command His people to do what they could not do. Nevertheless many people feel that if they paid their tithes they could not live on what was left. The fact is that they are spending God's tenth on things they want for themselves and often things that they could well do without.

Statistics show that the average American dollar is spent somewhat as follows:

24 cents	is spent for living costs
21 cents	for luxuries
12 cents	for waste
11 cents	for miscellaneous
10 cents	for investment

10 cents for government
9 cents for crime
2 cents for education
1 cent for the church.

American people are spending about five billions a year for liquor and over six billions on gambling. Surely not many southern Baptist dollars are spent on these vices but we know that southern Baptists help to spend the billion that goes into the picture shows every year, the five billions that are spent on pleasure travel, the billion and a half spent on tobacco and the billion spent on beauty parlors and cosmetics. Not all of these things are harmful but these statistics show that people spend their money for the things they want most. Southern Baptists are among the American people who are buying cars, radios and expensive household equipment, who are building beautiful homes, chewing gum, wearing jewelry, patronizing beauty parlors—spending their money for all of these things that are all right provided they are not being paid for out of the Lord's tithe. But surely it is a disgrace that southern Baptists are spending many dollars for these things every year and yet giving to missions just about a dollar and a quarter apiece each year. We are told that southern Baptist women spend \$41 per capita annually for hats, furs and beauty parlor bills—or almost forty times as much as they give to missions.

Only one dollar and a quarter per capita in a whole year for the salvation of a lost world! What a disgrace it is! That much money would not fill the gasoline tank of your car one time. It would take several times that amount to buy your clothes for one season. Thousands of women spend that much a week in a beauty parlor and think nothing about it. Thousands of men spend that much a week on tobacco and feel that they must have it. So do we prove that we love ourselves more than we do Jesus and the world for which He died!

What are our unpaid tithes doing? They are buying the things we want for

ourselves and our families and in the meantime the work of the Lord suffers. Isn't it terrible to think that because of the unpaid tithes of Baptists and other Christians thousands who might have been reached with the Gospel will be eternally lost!

If tithes had been paid there might have been no war in China, for missionaries could have been sent in sufficient numbers to evangelize Japan, and a Christian Japan would never have perpetrated such a conflict.

If tithes had been paid there would have been less talk of war in Europe, for through an increased number of missionaries and the example of a really Christian America, Europe would have known the Gospel of the Prince of Peace.

If tithes had been paid there would have been no debts on southern boards or institutions and there would have been no lost generation of missionary volunteers kept at home because of lack of funds. There would have been no lost schools, no closed hospitals, no lost missionary property on home or foreign fields.

If tithes had been paid by all American Christians there would have been no American depression, for the prosperity promised by God to titheers would have been sufficient to stabilize the business of the nation and to have saved her people from financial disaster.

If tithes had been paid by all American Christians there would have been no spiritual depression in America—no repeal of prohibition laws, no crime wave, no youth problem, no empty church pews, no dead churches, for the spirituality of the titheers would have permeated the life of the whole nation, making it a Christian nation in fact as well as in name.

Do you think that this picture is overdrawn? Surely not, when God in His Word promises both spiritual and material blessings to individuals, churches and nations who do His will and call upon His name. So, if it is true that all these calamities could have been

averted by tithing then we can see what unpaid tithes are doing. Surely such a realization brings serious contemplation. Are we partly responsible for the conditions caused by unpaid tithes? Have we failed to bring God's blessings to our lives and the lives of others by refusing to pay our tithe? If so, let us begin now to be among those who faithfully pay tithes and thereby help to bring the benedictions of God upon this sin-cursed world.

STEWARDSHIP SERMONETTES

"Stewardship puts the Golden Rule in business in the place of the rule of gold".

"What your money does with you depends on what you do with it".

"The unconsecrated wealth of Christians is the greatest hindrance to the church's progress".

"He is no fool who parts with what he cannot keep to get what he shall not lose".

"Refuse to open your purse and soon you cannot open your sympathy. Refuse to give and soon you will cease to enjoy that which you have".

"Jesus teaches that a man's attitude to the Kingdom of God is revealed by his attitude to his property".

"Either give and receive, or hold and lose".

"You can separate money from religion, but you cannot separate religion from money".

"Missions waits on stewardship! Stewardship waits on you!"

STEWARDSHIP PLANS

WHEN Jesus walked on this earth, "going about doing good", we are

told that a group of women followed Him, "ministering to Him of their substance". Isn't it wonderful that even in that early day women who loved Jesus were willing to share with Him their material possessions! So did these become an early example among women as faithful stewards of their substance. We do not know how much of their substance was used in this ministry of love but, since they had left their homes to follow Jesus, we are sure that they used at least a tenth; and we can believe that, like the widow whose gift the Master commended, they gave all they had if Jesus had need of it.

Desiring to follow in the footsteps of these faithful stewards of long ago Woman's Missionary Union has among its chief aims *tithes and offerings*. Under the leadership of Mrs. Carter Wright, our gifted and consecrated Southwide Stewardship Chairman, splendid plans are made for promoting principles of stewardship among the members of W. M. U. All are urged to use the tithe as a minimum basis of contributing and to add to that their offerings. The ideal plan is that the tithe shall go into the Lord's treasury each week, according to the church's financial method, and that the gifts for the three W. M. U. seasons of prayer, the Hundred Thousand Club, special Sunday school offerings etc. shall be the offerings over and above the tithe.

Splendid books on stewardship are included in the W. M. U. study courses. The signing of the stewardship covenant for keeping records of tithers, the use of tithing boxes and stickers, frequent talks on stewardship at circle and society meetings, seeking to enlist every resident woman member of the church as a contributor to missions are some of the plans of W. M. U. for the promotion of stewardship.

Perhaps most important of all stewardship plans of W. M. U. is that of stewardship education of young people. The hope of the Kingdom for tomorrow is to train the young people of today in

the principles of faithful stewardship. If we could teach all of our young Baptists to be tithers the financial problem of southern Baptists would be solved in a few years. So we have plans for encouraging members of young people's organizations to memorize Bible passages on stewardship, to write essays, give declamations, make posters, present plays and in every possible way to fill their minds and hearts full of stewardship truths. Each church is urged to have a "Stewardship Night Program", preferably in November, that its W.M.U. young people may demonstrate what they have thus learned. And above all else we try to lead them to practice the stewardship of possessions even while they are young, titling all money that comes into their hands, for we know that they will do tomorrow what they begin doing today.

We believe that Jesus—who had among His first followers women, who were good stewards of their substance, and who spoke with approval of the poor widow who gave not one-tenth but all she had into the Lord's treasury—is pleased that southern Baptist women are trying to be good stewards. We believe that He is pleased that they are thus ministering to Him of their substance according to the plan given in His Word.

The GREAT COMMISSION and the LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

NOW that October is here, with the leaves taking on the autumn colors of red and orange and brown and with "frost on the pumpkin and fodder in the shock", we are reminded that Christmas is "just around the corner". And with Christmas comes the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Since we are studying about the Great Commission this year we must pause to realize that the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering plays a large part in our obedience to this last command of our Lord.

In fifty years Woman's Missionary Union has given through this offering

almost four million dollars. Last year the gift reached \$318,914.59. The goal for this year is \$200,000.

As we go over the list of designations for this 1939 gift we are thrilled, even as we are year by year, over what this offering is doing for foreign missions. There are the 125 missionaries supported by this gift. There are the Margaret Fund students, whose education is now provided in part by this gift. There are the nine missionary training schools for women in foreign lands, supported by the part of this gift designated as the Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial. Then there is the Mrs. W. J. Cox Fund, taking care of W.M.U. work in ten foreign lands. And besides, this gift will aid in the support of schools, hospitals and publishing work, will build churches and missionary homes and will help foreign mission work in other ways too numerous to mention. Through this Lottie Moon Christmas Offering southern Baptist women and young people will surely go to make disciples of all nations, even as they have been doing through this offering for many years.

We have been studying about tithes and offerings in this program. The Christmas season of prayer and gifts furnishes wonderful opportunity for adding offerings to our tithes. Birthdays are always occasions for love gifts. How blessed that we can make a love gift to Jesus on His birthday! We would not use a part of our tithe for this gift, for that would be like paying a part of a debt and calling it a gift. No—we will give this as a real love gift, over and above the tithe and every pledge we might have made to any cause. And since this is a love gift we will make it as large as possible, for much love always finds expression in large gifts. God so loved the world that He gave His Son as His Christmas gift to the world. Jesus so loved that He gave His life to save a lost world. Do we so love that we spend large sums on Christmas gifts for family and friends and offer to Jesus a mere pittance? If our love is what it

ought to be we will give to Him our Great Commission, going on the wings largest and best Christmas gift. And of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering as we do so we will be obeying His to make disciples in many lands.

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*

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

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

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Discuss the connection between tithes and offerings and the Great Commission.
2. What is God's plan for financing His Kingdom?
3. What would be the tithe of southern Baptists for one year?
4. Compare the giving of Seventh Day Adventists with that of southern Baptists.
5. Discuss what the tithe of southern Baptists could do for the Kingdom.
6. Discuss the blessings of tithing to the individual Christian.
7. How are southern Baptists spending the tithes which they should pay to the Lord?
8. Discuss stewardship plans of southern Baptists.
9. Why is it important to give stewardship education to young people?
10. Discuss the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering as a factor in obeying the Great Commission.
11. What is the goal for this offering this year?
12. How may we help to make our church a tithing church?

REFERENCE MATERIAL

World Comrades	—The Window of Y.W.A.
The Commission	—Southern Baptist Home Missions
Southern Baptist Handbook for 1939	Dr. E. P. Alldredge
The Coming Revival	Dr. R. C. Campbell
Stewardship Parables of Jesus	Dr. Roswell C. Long

BIBLE STUDY (Concluded from Page 11)

which does. How happy it is, that many great fortunes nowadays have been devoted to human welfare—world peace, public health, education, missions.

And finally that rich farmer whom God called a fool. No enterprising business man this, but a man with a bumper crop, who decides to stop working and enjoy himself. Not a word of gratitude to God, or even of desire to share with others! His acres had grown wheat, but his heart had grown weeds.



OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



Miss Elma Currin, Associate W.M.U. Young People's Secretary

The LAST QUARTER

THE whistle sounds! The last quarter of a closely scoring basket ball game is under way. No part of the game is quite so interesting and exciting as this last quarter, for when the time horn sounds at the close of this quarter the game will be lost or won. This quarter holds within it victory! Which team will claim it? The best players are put into action and the best "plays" are put into use. Every minute is valuable, every minute must be made to count!

Will your Union qualify as a Full Graded W.M.U.? Perhaps this quarter holds victory for you. This last quarter challenges us to bestir ourselves with new vigor as it presents an intriguing array of plans and projects. These are your "plays". Will you put them into effective use?

1. Church Night of Stewardship
2. Promotion Plans for Graded W.M.U.
3. Building Fund for New W.M.U. Training School
4. Special Prayer Seasons
5. Interesting Holidays Suggest Wholesome Recreation!

Each of these "plays" is exceedingly important and they must every one be kept in mind but, right at this particular moment, the "play" that is most strategic is the planning for the culmination of your *Stewardship Education Plans* in a Church Night of Stewardship. Every organization having followed the suggestions for study during the year should be ready to make a contribution to the church by an effective presentation of what its members have learned and what they are doing concerning the stewardship of possessions.

How can we make it successful?

1. *Select a date.* Plan in conference with the pastor the time. It should precede the Every Member Canvass.
2. *Plan program well in advance.* Young people like to do things in the best and most acceptable manner. Uncertainty makes for a poor presentation and forms an unpleasant association in minds of persons concerning the thing attempted. State young people's leaders send out a suggested program which can be adapted to suit your needs. Watch for it.
3. *Use dramatization.* The largest attendance upon the Baptist World Alliance was recorded on the night of the pageant. That is a testimony for the use of dramatization in the presentation of religious truths. It is not only an interesting way in which to present a truth to the audience, but it is educational, informative and inspiring to the participants. (Order plays from W.M.U. Literature Department, as listed in W.M.U. Year Book, and from your state W.M.U. headquarters.)
4. *Conserve the impressions.* The follow-up work is the important thing. Because of this special emphasis on stewardship, the number of youth tithers in the church should increase. Give them opportunity to sign a tither's card and receive the blessings and joys which come to faithful stewards.

Another "play" which will strengthen this last quarter's work is the follow-

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COLLEGE Y. W. A.



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A.B.C.'s. of COLLEGE and HOSPITAL Y.W.A.'s.

IN order to study the A.B.C.'s. of any subject we must first have the subject, so before we can chat together about the A.B.C.'s. of the Ann Hasseltine and Grace McBride Y.W.A.'s. we should be sure that you have such organizations in the college and hospital in your community. Surely we do not need to talk about the vital importance of having the respective missionary organizations in these institutions. Out of the college doors step the school teachers, social workers, missionaries, Christian workers, writers, scientists, musicians—leaders! What will you have them be?

Out of the nurses' training classes come the young women who because of their peculiar ministry bind themselves to their patients and the patients' loved ones in a deep and abiding tie. What person has a better opportunity to witness for the Great Physician than does the Christian nurse? What is your W.M.S. doing to help those young women who enter the hospital in your community to leave its doors dedicated to share in the great missionary enterprise of winning the world to Christ? The first three letters of the alphabet suggest thoughts that will cause us to "stretch every nerve" in order that Y.W.A. will be the means of making missions real to the young women in the colleges and hospitals of the south.

Personal acquaintance with these girls is to be eagerly sought. It is almost impossible to know how hungry girls become for an opportunity to sit by an open fireplace and share an hour of warm, Christian fellowship on Sunday afternoons. Open your homes to them. Many Y.W.A.'s. like to have at least one meeting a month in the homes of W.M.S. members. Surely the W.M.S. will avail itself of the opportunity to assist these organizations in supplying materials and equipment which they cannot afford. Lend your advice, assume your responsibility, attack hindering problems, do all that His Spirit calls you to do in order that the Baptist young women who study in our colleges and hospitals will through their participation in Y.W.A. become active, alert and ambitious, with hearts aflame for the cause of Christ as they witness in their chosen professions.

What a rare privilege is yours as you share in building better Baptist women. The task is yours of building young women—many of them bewildered, biased and baffled—with broader visions of world's needs, better understanding of God's purpose for their lives and with the knowledge that God needs them in working out His plan for the world. The W.M.S. that builds in the life of young women is not building upon sand. The workmanship that goes into the life of responsive youth becomes immortal. The study of missions in regular programs from *The Window of Y.W.A.*, through the reading and study of books on prayer, the Bible, missions and current missionary magazines are channels through which you can perform this inviting task. Will you see that these basic things are available in a missionary library, located in a convenient place in nurses' home and college dormitory?

The greatest blessing comes to the W.M.S. member who is challenged by the bigness of the task to undertake the responsibility of becoming a counselor to this group of girls. The constraining, cooperating, cultivating, confiding counselor can

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PERSONAL SERVICE



Southwide Personal Service Chairman, Mrs. Eureka Whiteker, Kentucky

GROWING ROSES

THE members of any organization, who in their personal service will share their task, themselves and their Christ, will produce results likened unto a red "American Beauty" rose. Red, because we are blood-bought Christians; "American Beauty", because there can be no permanent beauty in our own fair America apart from Christ. This rose is grafted on the stock of the wild rose. It is only the new life that comes to it through grafting that makes it so beautiful. We are to show individuals that of themselves they can do nothing, until Christ comes into their lives.

The straight stem of this rose reminds us that our tasks are to come on a straight line from our Father and that the results are to be sent on a straight line back to Him. All organizations are urged to have directed personal service and to stay on the main line. We not only want straight stems but we also want sturdy stems. When we do only for ourselves we become too tall, weak and slender; so, we increase our work among our Jewish and Negro friends, promptly dispelling any race prejudice.

The green foliage tells us that we can keep our work alive, fresh and out of a rut by having a Personal Service Committee in each organization. The new, young, tender, bright green leaves represent our young people's organizations: their members will also see the value of having system in their work.

Most roses have a few thorns; these call to mind the organizations not reporting personal service. We dislike to think of the lost who hear not of Jesus and of the sorrowing who are thus neglected. There need be no thorns! Close cooperation with the Southwide Baptist Revival plans will give every organization marvelous opportunities for service.

The blossom represents the "Rose of Sharon". Ferns—in the form of clothing, food, shelter, visits, distribution of literature and meetings held—should be placed around the rose to enhance its beauty but never to hide the rose itself. Good Will Centers are fruitful in pointing many to the "Rose of Sharon".

The fragrance of this rose is exquisite. Many a Mary can break the box of ointment in a practical way for, if we make definite efforts at soul winning, we will see results and "the odor of the ointment will fill the house!"

Can you understand a rose? No! There is an expression that needs to be relegated to the ante-jubilee days. The phrase is: "We can't understand personal service". When we consecrate the personal side of it, study "The Personal Service Guide" and "Helping Others to Become Christians", the service side of it will take care of itself. Dr. A. J. Gordon once said: "One can do more for others when one has done most for one's self". Too long we have been trying to adjust personal service to fit our lives but now we realize that we must adjust our lives to fit personal service.

It is never the spurt on the start but the continued, unrelenting, unhastening advance that wins victories or grows roses. This year we are singing, "I Love to Tell the Story". Do we? Unfaithful and unworthy our trust will be if we as far as within us lies fail to give "the glad tidings" to all those for whom they are intended. Let us grow red "American Beauty" roses!—Mrs. Eureka Whiteker



THAT YOUR JOY MIGHT BE FULL—
IN
FELLOWSHIP-SERVICE-SOUL WINNING

Readers of *Royal Service* as well as all other personal service workers are genuinely indebted to Illinois W.M.U. for the illustration on this page. It was drawn by Mr. Clyde Croslin, whose father is a Baptist minister and whose mother is a devotedly efficient W.M.U. leader. It is no wonder, therefore, that Clyde was trained in their Sunbeam Band and Royal Ambassador Chapter and that he could bring forth from his Christian mind and heart this clear proof that personal service is its own joyful reward.

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Open doors, hungry hearts and happy faces of Jewish believers greet me on all sides—
Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus, Field Secretary of Home Board

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Members of three Indian tribes were baptized recently by Rev. C. W. Stumph, Home Board missionary in New Mexico.

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It has been announced that plans are being made to hold in this country in 1940 a world conference of Christian Negro youth.

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Last year 5250 people found Christ through the work of 371 missionaries of the Home Mission Board.

CURRENT MISSIONARY EVENTS

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

Many of our people, even Christian, read only the daily papers and secular magazines. For them too often only the dark side of world conditions, with scarcely a ray of light piercing the gloom, is pictured. It is but natural that the stories of crime, of racial prejudice and of injustice in all lands and even in our own, of the destruction and expropriation of mission property, of the persecution of Christian and Jew, of the closing of churches, of wars and rumors of wars should cause a feeling of utter futility and discouragement to dominate their thinking and cause them to wonder if giving to the promotion of the Kingdom is really the best use they can make of their money; of course, others are totally indifferent, or seemingly so.

But those who read the religious papers, especially evangelical missionary magazines, catch gleams that are like great signal lights flashing against the sky and making them realize that God is still in His world and that the mission work of past years and of the present was not and is not in vain even though churches and hospitals and school buildings have been ruthlessly destroyed or appropriated for other uses or barred from any use and even though Christ's followers have been driven from pillar to post.

Such signal lights as the following have been gleaned almost entirely from *The Commission* (price 50c a year from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.) and from *Southern Baptist Home Missions* (price 25c a year from Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.) and are happy reminders that those things which are seen are temporal and that the life that is hid with Christ in God is His building and therefore cannot be destroyed or wrested from Him but is eternal. These signal lights are like messages from the Eternal, reminding His children that all men have not bowed the knee to Baal, that He yet has faithful followers in all lands and that they can live and work with courage and joy in the assurance of the promise. "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom". Therefore, no one who seeks to be obedient to the Great Commission can afford not to do everything possible to keep informed concerning the affairs of the Kingdom throughout the world.

"The fine spirit of the Chinese people," says Mr. Wu who was an official delegate from

Shanghai to the Baptist World Alliance in Atlanta, "has enabled them to endure untold suffering and will yet make them victors against Japanese aggression. This spirit is the great gift of Christianity to China."

We are witnessing here in China what is probably the greatest migration of people in the history of the world. Something like two million have fled to the southwest. Thousands are passing here, there and yonder, the people as never before in the history of Christian missions are approachable and receptive. What are we going to do about this remarkable situation? We should have four new missions for these provinces. Whatever plan may be adopted, we should not wait too long about it.—Dr. R. E. Bröder, *Wuchow, China*

Yet the S.B.C. Foreign Mission Board has recently announced that there can be no further expansion until its debts are paid. What are we going to do about this? Will we bring in the tithes and offerings?

There are about 8000 Chinese in the south many of whom live in Texas and Arizona. I have had the privilege of visiting those two states. I have never seen my people so hungry for the Gospel as in El Paso recently. Seventeen put on Christ in baptism and two more were accepted for church membership. There were seven baptized into the fellowship of the Central Baptist Church in Phoenix, Arizona.—Rev. Shau Yan Lee, *Chinese Missionary of S.B.C. Home Board*

Recently a widow in Mexico, in one of the three rooms of whose home the Baptist congregation had been worshiping, brought into the treasury of her church \$100 to be used for the building of a chapel. This woman's only visible means of support for a family of eleven are her sewing machine and two cows.—From "A Widow's Mite"

The father of a graduate of the southern Baptist school in Kokura, Japan, has given 5000 yen in memory of this, his only daughter. The interest from this gift is at present enabling a girl to prepare to be dietitian and public health nurse and teacher in the school's eagerly anticipated junior college.

The 1938 Christmas offering from this girl school in Kokura, Japan, was designated as

the initial fund for the erection of a high school for girls in Shanghai whose buildings have been destroyed by the Japanese

Despite the bitter strife in Palestine, five young Jews and Arabs at the close of a recent church service came forward, acknowledging their definite stand for Christ and accepting Him as their Savior.

The Church of England has in Alaska a certain mission whose most important annual event is "Rat Sunday". This resembles a harvest festival when Indians and Eskimos, who make their living by catching muskrats, bring some of the skins in white bags to the church as a thank-offering. They do this on the occasion of the sale of their summer's catch.

MARGARET FUND (Concluded from Page 15)

of joy that I have come thus far and of sorrow that I have not farther to go on my college adventure.

"What shall I do when I finish? I do not know! I am planning to have a teacher's certificate and I am tremendously interested in journalism—in fact, in any form of writing. I am not a bit worried about what will happen because I know that it will be all right.

"As for my being awarded the Elizabeth Lowndes Scholarship, I have very little to say that I cannot say simply.

It has made me ever so glad that Woman's Missionary Union has chosen me. I feel very humble at the trust thus shown in me. I shall try to be worthy of such faith."

As candidate for honorable mention we have Golda Jean Fielder, who also has done outstanding work in difficult subjects at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. Her parents are Rev. and Mrs. Wilson Fielder, honored S.B.C. missionaries who are stationed at Chengchow, China.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE (Concluded from Page 28)

ing out of *Promotion Plans* with the W.M.U. family participating. Many churches have their promotion of W.M.U. auxiliaries in December, while others plan for it to coincide with the promotion in other departments of the church. In either case, helpful suggestions are found in the W.M.U. Year Book. This occasion, when beautifully arranged for and carried out, strengthens the work and place of the missionary organizations in the church.

Another "tip" which is quite timely for leaders is to keep the building fund for the new W.M.U. Training School before the young people by the use of dime holders and boxes shaped like the Training School. These things will interest them in making a worthy offering for the erection of our new building.

It isn't too early to start sowing seeds if we would reap a bountiful harvest for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in December. The calendar comes to your aid also in planning wholesome recreation for the young people. Use these opportunities to enrich the play life of your boys and girls and to enlist them in all the activities of the missionary organizations. When the "whistle" sounds, may you be the victor!

COLLEGE Y.W.A. (Concluded from Page 29)

become a real spiritual coach for the young women who come under her influence. The counselor with deep concern for the individual as well as the progress of the organization can become a hidden power as she guides them in making important decisions, as she helps them make the right choice, as she leads them out into Christian service.

You should be vitally concerned over these young women in your midst. May your W.M.S.

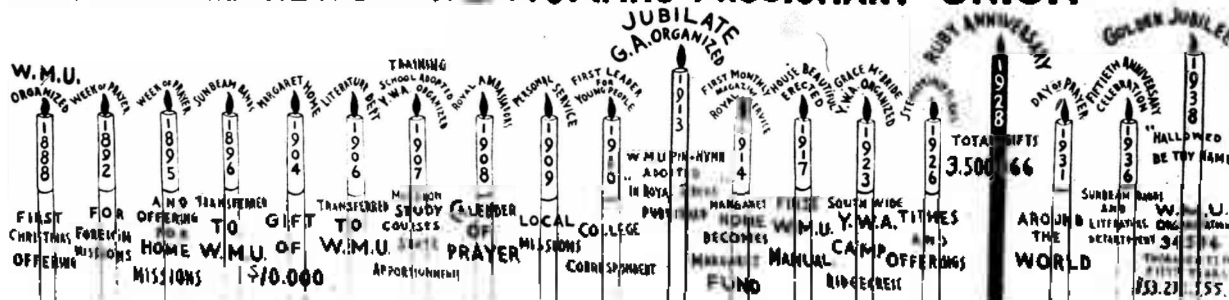
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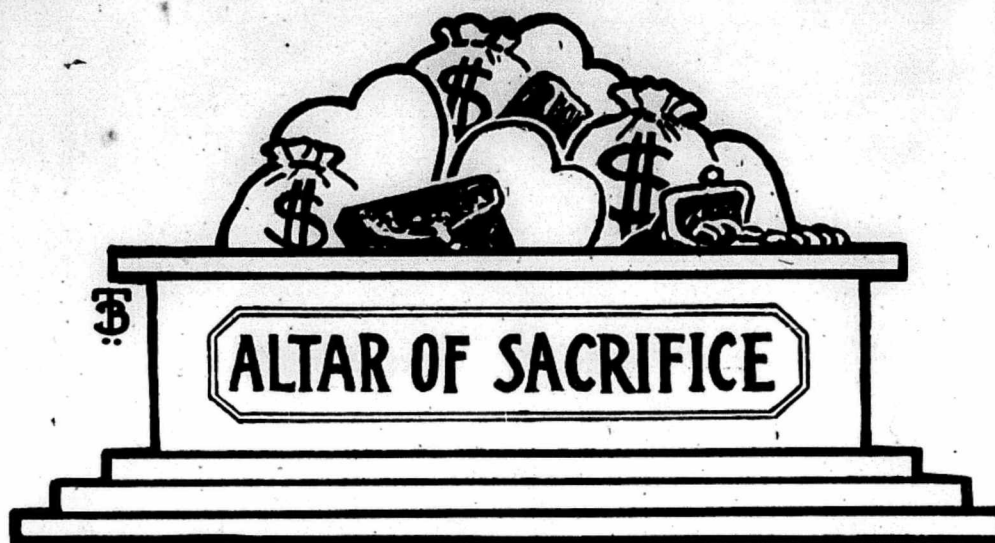
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Ala.....	\$ 2,485.33	\$ 3,390.13	\$ 2,097.37	\$ 581.65	\$ 5,332.77	\$ 7,190.31	\$ 300.00	\$.....	\$ 41.50	\$ 22,919.06
Ariz.....	75.50	33.96	18.13	4.74	11.65	205.35	9.00		2.00	360.33
Ark.....	778.12	1,695.46	4,665.70	156.77	1,395.92	6,104.30	223.62		2.00	15,021.89
D.C.....										
Fla.....	2,018.97	3,119.13	3,602.39	574.86	2,183.99	6,224.82	124.98	75.00	36.41	17,960.55
Ga.....	4,094.13	1,887.09	2,039.51	12.00	37.68	33,931.93	681.73		44.80	42,728.87
Ill.....	269.00	342.09	495.18	12.66	1,287.76	5,267.76	112.53		1.00	7,787.98
Ky.....	2,763.97	6,614.78	7,624.77	1,630.12	3,590.46	11,406.86	213.02	87.19	46.10	33,977.27
La.....	1,604.36	1,204.67	562.24	168.69	1,426.95	6,276.20			2.00	11,245.11
Md.....	80.00	956.10	446.84	121.46	242.92	1,973.33		200.00	16.00	4,036.65
Miss.....	910.59	1,595.38	5,910.40	215.49	1,874.78	4,788.27	350.00		14.00	15,658.91
Mo.....	1,429.69	2,835.50	4,301.22	512.13	3,292.55	5,660.72	520.00		57.60	18,609.41
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N.C.....	4,004.33	7,838.20	3,571.48	1,385.60	17,983.79	12,485.10			2.00	47,270.50
Okla.....	842.00	2,144.15	1,944.15	188.95	1,218.60	3,637.69	500.00			10,475.54
S.C.....	627.32	7,050.61	7,636.85	1,423.83	1,406.12	17,201.57	500.00		16.40	35,862.70
Tenn.....	3,631.81	6,612.27	3,697.31	1,315.38	7,030.93	8,716.92			802.00	31,806.62
Tex.....	4,762.61	11,750.53	4,655.93	5,836.56	17,939.66	53,911.23	600.00		2.00	99,458.52
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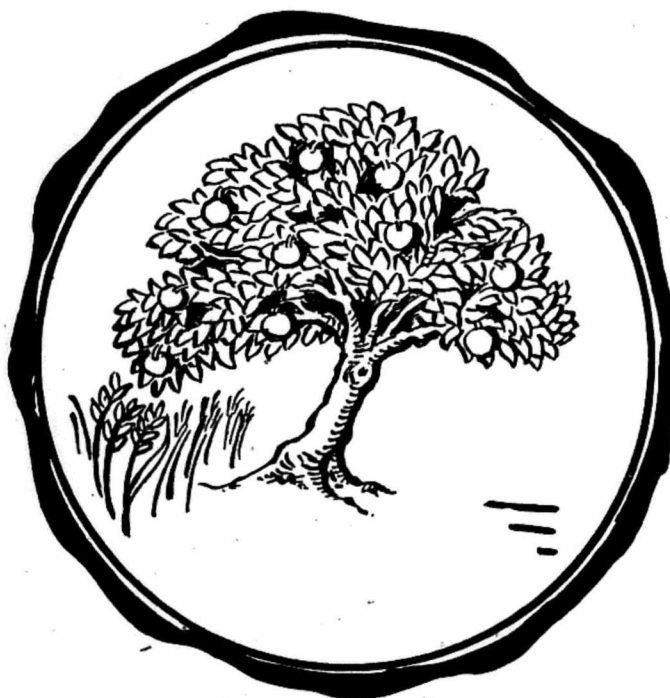


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