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EDITORIAL

The PROBLEM of PRAYER PARTICIPATION

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



The president's message to the last annual meeting of W.M.U. contained the following observation:

"There is good reason why prayer is listed first of our chief aims. It is the secure foundation of Christian living. It is the fulcrum on which rests the lever of all missionary effort. From the earliest days of any united work among women for the promotion of missions prayer necessarily had a large place. We love to trace the beginning of our seasons of prayer to that first year of W.M.U. life when the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions had its birth. It demonstrated that the spirit of giving is the inevitable outgrowth of prayer. Any society can testify that careful observance of the seasons of prayer has a tremendous influence on enlistment and quickens every phase of W.M.U. activity. It is highly encouraging to note the steady increase in recent years of number of organizations observing these prayer seasons, but there remaineth yet much land to be possessed. There are reported 38,597 organizations. A gratifyingly slight variation in the number observing each of the three seasons shows that 21,513 observed the one for foreign missions, the highest figure recorded. Following the reasonable presumption that few societies observed the others and failed to observe this one, there are left more than 17,000 organizations that failed to gain for themselves the inspiration which comes with any single observance of a season of prayer. Multiply this by the number of members who thus failed to bring to the advancing Kingdom the blessing promised by a God who bears and answers prayer. Of these 17,000 but 2500 were women's societies. This reveals that the fostering mother societies of more than 14,000 young people's organizations failed to lead these precious young people in this most vital of all contributions to the Kingdom. Knowing the happy response of nearly 12,000 organizations of young people to most of the seasons of prayer, recalling our personal experiences with many of them, realizing that their participation brought also the loving outpouring of special gifts we should be the more concerned for those who failed to be fellow-helpers with us in this first essential in the advance of missions. Our state Unions can stimulate district and associational organizations to help both women's societies and auxiliaries to a fuller observance of all seasons of prayer, furnishing leaders and helpers where necessary. No one thing will contribute more effectively to wholesome development in all phases of Union ideals and purposes. The corresponding stimulation to missionary giving will serve in a telling way to advance the respective mission causes".

How many of these 17,000 o-missionary organizations are in close proximity to you? How many of the 2500 women's societies and 14,000 young people's organizations are in your church or in some near-by church? We must make the approaching Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions (Dec. 4-8) an exercise in arithmetic, subtracting from the 17,000, adding to the 21,000. Determine quickly the part of this problem that is your own and plan to solve it completely. Help thus to take the o from o-missionary.

You will find the preparatory study book, "Constraining Love", rarely helpful. Study it and carry its inspiration to at least one other society. Check up on the number of auxiliary organizations in your association that failed last year to observe the December season of prayer and use your young people to help them in a fitting observance this year. Divide responsibility and multiply interest and gifts. Adequate preparation is essential to the solution of the problem of prayer participation.

SOUTHWIDE BAPTIST REVIVAL

W.M.U. PARTICIPATION ASSURED

Dr. Weston Bruner, Portsmouth, Va.



I have been deeply interested in the woman's work from the beginning of my first pastorate in Baltimore in 1896. Miss Annie Armstrong lived in Baltimore and was a true pioneer in woman's work for home missions. She was a tower of strength in awakening the interest of our women. She did not see things in the way that our women now see them; for instance, she would never speak in any meeting when men were present.

Dr. Frost of the Sunday School Board played a prank when the Maryland Union Association was meeting in my church in Baltimore. Miss Annie was to speak to the women in the afternoon. Dr. Frost slipped in and lay down on a pew in the back of the church some little time before she was to speak. She did not see him and when she was nearly through her address, Dr. Frost sat up. I am not sure how long it took Miss Annie to forgive him. How marvelously have our women advanced in efficiency of organization and effort!

It is always a privilege to attend our women's meetings and to encourage and support them in all their work. They have always responded to the pastor's desire to help and have expressed appreciation of his suggestions.

When my church enters into revival meetings I call upon our women to arrange such special prayer-meetings as seem expedient in homes, in the church or in mission stations both before and during the revival meetings. In our meeting last fall our W.M.S. was asked to contact all of its members and all of the other women who were not members of the W.M.S. The ideal is to have every woman in our church an active member in our W.M.S. but we have never attained this ideal.

Thus by prayer meetings in every section of our church territory and by the personal touch of these Godly women we always expect to have a Spiritual awakening in every revival. Through the auxiliaries we are able to reach our young people in like manner. Quite a few of the mothers and fathers of these auxiliary members are not members of our church and some are not even Christians.

Of course, the prime emphasis is always on prayer and personal soul winning throughout the year. During every revival season we simply stress prayer and soul winning.

Our Sunday School and Baptist Training Union also have a large place in our plans in these special efforts to win the lost. Especially through the Sunday School do we reach a large number for Christ and His Church.

It is a privilege every pastor has of building the Kingdom of God on earth through the cooperation of these glorious organizations in his church. Comrades of the Cross, I salute you!



EVERY MEMBER CANVASS



The W.M.U. and the EVERY MEMBER CANVASS

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

"*Royal Service*" stands for service: royal, majestic, magnificent service; such service as a loyal subject would render to his king. Jesus is our king; the church is His bride. "*Royal Service*" advocates the promotion of the whole program of Christ and His church. "*Royal Service*" believes in keeping step, doing things "decently and in order", in observing and promoting the various items and causes in our denominational program as and when they come due.

In the S.B.C. Calendar of Denominational Activities November is suggested for the beginning of the Every Member Canvass, and December for the close. This canvass may well be completed and out of the way before the W.M.U. Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions.

I—Why should every W.M.S. and W.M.U. young people's organization and every member of them help make a success of the Every Member Canvass?

1. Because they are Christians. They take their religion seriously. Nothing that concerns the Kingdom of Christ should be foreign to their interest, prayers and efforts. The Every Member Canvass is the well-thought-out and thoroughly-tested plan for enlisting our Christian people in the support of our Christian work. We are Christians.

2. Because they should be loyal to their church. All W.M.U. organizations are auxiliaries of their church; they are means to worthy ends. If the church work is not helped by the W.M.S. then the society has failed in one of its main functions. The Every Member Canvass is the church plan for enlisting its members. We are church members.

3. Because supporting the Every Member Canvass will answer a criticism sometimes heard that the W.M.S. is interested mainly in its own work and is perfectly willing for the men to bear all the expenses of the local church. Every W.M.S. is a part of the church itself and must act as such. We must live above reproach.

4. Because it will show that the W.M.S. is interested in the regular Cooperative Program of the denomination and not merely in special days and offerings. The regulars and the specials are all important and none should be forgotten or neglected. First things should be put first. The Every Member Canvass is the first thing just now. We must be for it full length.

II—How can the W.M.U. help with the Every Member Canvass?

1. The members of the W.M.S. and the Y.W.A. can help the Every Member Canvass by being well informed. They should be able to present all the items and causes in such a way as to inform, inspire and enlist members in the liberal and cheerful support of the whole program. We must know.

2. They can help by offering their services in preparation for the putting on of the Every Member Canvass. They can study the proposed budget and see that it provides for a fair distribution of funds between local expenses and missionary causes, 50-50 distribution being ideal. They can help in preparing lists, filling out cards, studying rolls, writing letters, visiting, preparing lunches, giving ample and favorable publicity etc. Let's make a good ready.

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STEWARDSHIP SUGGESTIONS



Southwide Stewardship Chairman: Mrs. Carter Wright, Alabama

THIS "I"—IS IT YOU?

MY conscience and I have just had a session. It made me very uncomfortable. I think that little W.M.U. Year Book was to blame for the whole affair. You see, I was rambling through my desk drawer and ran across it—and the minute my eyes fell on it my conscience commenced.

Conscience: "Here's this little book you bought early last January and promised to study. You said you would use it as a guide for your activities this year, but you haven't laid eyes on it for six months".

I Myself: "Yes, I know, but somehow it got stuck back in this drawer and I forgot about it".

Conscience: "You didn't forget to read the daily papers and those magazines over there on the table—did you?"

And before I could answer—

Conscience: "But, of course, you are more interested in the papers and magazines—perfectly evident".

The little book fell open at page 23 for I had turned down the corner of that page. I remembered when I did it—the day I attended the Stewardship Conference and we discussed "Section V" (Tithes and Offerings) in our Plan of Work. Then conscience began again.

Conscience: "Didn't you promise the Lord that day that you would not only tithe this year but also that you would give some over-and-above offerings?"

I Myself: "Well, I'm sure I have given more this year than I did last year".

Conscience: "I'm asking you if you have paid your tithe and given offerings? That's what you promised—wasn't it? Perhaps you were feeling unusually grateful to the Lord just then. You will recall that your little boy had just recovered from that serious illness".

That remark stabbed me, though I guess I deserved it, so I offered no alibi. I turned to page 24 of the Year Book and there were all those Stewardship Plans staring me in the face; again conscience opened fire.

Conscience: "Remember with what enthusiasm you promised to help carry out those plans? Look at item 4—'Frequent Talks on Stewardship'. Remember when you were asked to get up a stewardship talk for the program meeting? But you declined—didn't you?"

I Myself: "But I was out of town that day".

Conscience: "Yes, that was the excuse you gave but, just between you and me, you know the real reason was that you didn't want to go to the trouble to get up a good talk".

I stared into space and was silent.

Conscience: "And look at item 6—'Lead young people to be faithful stewards through plans for stewardship education'. Why, at that January Conference you made a 'rousing' speech on that subject. Remember you spoke of what wonderfully fine plans W.M.U. had for young people? And you said it was of the utmost importance that we train and enlist these young people. Your enthusiasm ended with your speech, didn't it? Did you make any effort to get them to put on the Stewardship Night Program?"

By this time, I was too deeply humiliated to offer further defense.

Conscience: "And look at item 7—'Promote Baptist Hundred Thousand Club'".

My self-respect somewhat revived and I cut in—

I Myself: "Well, I'm thankful to say that I have faithfully paid my dollar every month".

But conscience would not let me off at that.

Conscience: "Yes, you could pay that dollar a month and never make any sacrifice but the day that you heard that speaker, as she pleaded that all W.M.U. members would rally to this great cause, didn't you 'purpose in your heart' that you would promote the work by seeking other members for the Club? Have you won a single member?"

Convicted, humiliated, realizing that I had let many precious hours and priceless opportunities slip by, I fell on my knees.

A little later, I looked at the clock: it was 2:30 P.M. I could put in two hours that very afternoon. I looked at the calendar: it was October 6. Over two months yet remain. So I am working over-time, trying to "buy back" some of the hours I've lost, to crowd all I can into these remaining days are my 1939 record page in God's Book of Remembrance be finished—irrevocably written for all eternity!—Mrs. Carter Wright



PREPARING for PRAYER WEEK



NAMES and STATIONS of 125 S.B.C. MISSIONARIES

Whose Salaries for Calendar Year 1948

Are to Be Supplied by 1939 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

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Miss Hattie Gardner	Shaki, Africa
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Miss Lena Lair	Ogbomoso, Africa
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Mrs. C. L. Culpepper	Hwang-Hsien, China
Miss Flora Dodson	Canton, China
Rev. and Mrs. Wilson Fielder	Chengchow, China
Miss Ruth Ford	Kwelin, China

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MY ALABASTER BOX



LIST of Causes for 1939 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

(To Have Preference in Order Herewith Listed)

1. Salaries of 125 Missionaries	\$100,000
2. Education of Missionaries' Sons and Daughters (Margaret Fund)	16,000
3. Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial	13,350
(1) Pooi In Bible Training School, Canton, China	\$2,600
(2) Woman's and Girls' Department in North China Baptist Seminary and Bible School, Hwanghsien	1,000
(3) W.M.U. Training School, Japan	1,500
(4) Woman's Bible Training School, Budapest, Hungary	2,000
(5) Current Expenses of Woman's Training School, Rio, Brazil	1,500
(6) Current Expenses of Woman's Training School, Recife, Brazil	1,500
(7) Woman's Training School, Buenos Aires, Argentina	1,500
(8) Woman's Training School, Rosario, Argentina	750
(9) Woman's Training Dept. of Bible Institute, Santiago, Chile	1,000
4. Mrs. W. C. James Memorial Training School, Bucharest, Rumania	4,000
5. Mrs. W. J. Cox Fund for W.M.U. Work on Foreign Fields	16,000
(1) China	\$3,000
(2) Japan	2,000
(3) Africa	2,300
(4) Argentina-Uruguay	1,200
(5) Brazil	2,300
(6) Chile	1,000
(7) Italy	\$ 500
(8) Mexico	500
(9) Palestine-Syria	2,000
(10) Rumania	
(11) Hungary	1,000
(12) Jugo-Slavia	
6. Whilden-Graves Memorial Mo Kwong Endowment Fund, Canton, China	2,000
7. Shih Hing Bible School, China	500
8. Two Bible Schools, Shuichow, China	1,600
9. Evangelistic and Woman's Work, Waichow, China	500
10. Shih Yu Bible Institute, Kailang, China (Annie Jenkins Saltee School)	500
11. Dormitory for Cantonese School, Shanghai, China	2,500
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13. Kindergarten Work, South China	1,000
14. Kindergarten Work in Japan	1,000
15. Girls' School, Abeokuta, Africa	2,000
16. Running Expenses of Launch (Africa)	800
17. First Baptist Church (Old North Gate), Shanghai, China	5,000
18. Mexican Baptist Publishing House	3,000
19. Stout Memorial Hospital	1,000
20. Traveling Expenses, Secretary of Brazilian Home Mission Board	600
21. Publication and Literature	1,450
Africa	\$350
Argentina-Uruguay	350
Chile	\$350
China	400
22. Rio, Brazil, Current Expenses (College \$1,500; Seminary \$1,000)	2,500
23. Recife, Brazil, Current Expenses (College \$1,000; Seminary \$1,500)	2,500
24. Boys' Dormitory, Temuco, Chile	4,000
25. First Baptist Church, Montevideo, Uruguay	1,800
26. Haifa, Palestine	5,000
27. Building Fund, Manchuria	5,000
28. Beirut, Missionaries' Home and Chapel	3,000
29. Mendoza, Good Will Center	1,000
30. Publishing Work, Buenos Aires, Argentina	1,000
31. Rehabilitation Work in Chile	1,200
Total Cost	\$200,000

GIRLS' TRAINING SCHOOL of NORTH BRAZIL

IF southern Baptist women could look in upon the group of girls assembled in the parlor of the building that houses the North Brazil Training School for girls this Friday afternoon in August to welcome visitors from the United States their hearts would feel a throb of joy that they had had even a small part in making such training possible for Brazilian girls. Those who know the beginning of the school would feel that Brazilian Baptists had come a long way since that day in 1917 when one Baptist girl traveled 2000 miles to the Baptist College in Recife and asked Dr. Taylor to let her have a share in the privilege being given Brazilian men there for Christian training. There was no place in the school for a girl but Mrs. Taylor gave her a bedroom in her own house and Dr. Taylor made a place for her in the classes of the Seminary.

Such a small beginning sounds much like the beginning of the W.M.U. Training School in Louisville. The growth of this school also parallels the growth of our southern Baptist girls. Sixty-six girls from practically every state in Brazil are studying in the school—girls from eighteen to twenty-eight years of age. There are two girls from Manaus, 2000 miles away.

The rising bell rings early and the one piano available for practice sends out its notes of scales and hymns all day long. Many of the girls are quite musical and their teacher is as good as can be found. Three times weekly the girls gather on the lawn in front of the building for gym. Every morning they come together for devotions.

They are an earnest group, this group of sixty-six girls. Edi Nogueira and Jessie Fernandes come from interior Corrente, not so far away on the map, but weeks away by roads that are hard to travel, by trains that cover distances slowly, by slow boats that ply the rivers. There are Joana d'Arc, the W.M.U. scholarship girl, and Nair Almeida, the volunteer for home missions; there is Odete Pires from Joao Pessoa, the capital of the neighboring state, whose father is not yet a Christian. There are many others, speaking a language strange to the ears of the visitor from the states, but the Bom Dia (*Good Morning*) comes with a friendly smile and one feels that these girls have the same problems of living up to the highest they know that the girls in our House Beautiful have.

They have much to learn, some of these girls who come here. Many of them come from humble homes and must be taught the art of keeping their rooms neat and clean—the habit of sweeping the dirt behind the doors, hoping the directress will not see it, is not confined to either North or South America! These girls, in order that their bodies may be well and strong, must be taught to like the fruits and vegetables that grow in great abundance in their lovely, tropical land instead of using their exclusive heavy diet of beans and fatina. The Brazilian girls grow old so quickly. They must be taught high ideals for pure womanhood in a land that has not always had Christ's teaching of personal purity. The girls in the Recife school are being taught all of these things by Mildred Cox and Maye B.H. Taylor, these two young women from our southland who love all girls.

It stands there, this Christian Training School for Brazilian young women, a veritable light-house in a land that needs to have a personal knowledge of a living Christ. The building is unfinished, has been for two years. The money for its completion should come quickly lest the walls that stand without their outside finish crumble under the tropical rains. But in this 1939 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering list there comes a chance for us to help Mildred Cox and Maye Bell Taylor keep these girls growing physically, mentally and spiritually. Thirty dollars keeps a girl in school for a year.

If we could follow the five hundred girls who have gone through the school in the twenty years of its existence we would see girls in schoolrooms tracing that life has a spiritual value as they teach "reading and writing and arithmetic"; we would see pastors' wives who are helping women and girls "see Jesus"; we would see mothers making homes and transmitting to their children a new meaning to living—and there are so many babies in Brazil; we would see a nation being lifted through a finer Christian womanhood—any nation's greatest hope for growth. It is a challenge to southern Baptist women, this opportunity which comes at Christ's birthday time to keep this Training School running smoothly, efficiently and at its full capacity.—Mrs. George McWilliams of Mo. on *Missionary Journey to S. A.*

BOOK REVIEWS

Miss Willie Jean Stewart, Tennessee

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

CONSTRAINING LOVE: Mildred Dodson McMurry, Nashville; Broadman Press, 1939; Price, 25c; Pages 128

HERE is a study book for use in connection with the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions which is different—and a very warm, human difference it is! Instead of undertaking to tell about the many types of work supported by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, the author has chosen rather to tell the story of some of the workers who are doing the work and to let us look at it through their eyes. The result is an easy, friendly, readable book which does exactly what Mrs. McMurry must have intended—make their work a living, pulsing, vital thing in which one may feel she has a real part.

This is not to imply, of course, that other books designed for this use have not told a good deal about the workers as well as the work; they have. But this is the first one we have seen which has majored on this approach. For example, the largest single appropriation from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goes to the support of one hundred twenty-five missionaries on five great fields. Instead of undertaking to describe these fields, their organization and needs, the first chapter—"Love Expressed through Lives"—gives a brief biographical sketch of Edwin Dozier of Japan, Margie Shumate of China, Ruth Walden of Africa, Sarah Fox Eddleman of Palestine (representing Europe and the Near East) and Effie Roe Maddox of Brazil (representing South America). It gives fascinating glimpses of the work each is doing and lets one share something of the joys and heartaches of these devoted missionaries.

In like manner, a second large appropriation from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goes to the education of our missionaries' children through the Margaret Fund. The second chapter—"Lives Impressed by Love"—shows the meaning of this fund to the students, the missionaries, the mission fields to which so many of the students go back and to the communities here at home where others work. This information is given through brief stories of a dozen recipients of the fund and through a word from a mother who, herself a missionary's child, came to America to be educated before the Margaret Fund was established.

And so with the remaining chapters except the last. The third—"Love at Work"—tells of just one "trophy" from each of the six great women's training schools maintained by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and gives glimpses of several of the workers serving under the Mrs. W. J. Cox Fund for supporting W.M.U. work on foreign fields. The fourth—"Love Tells the Story"—deals with those who have had typical parts in publication work, hospitals, and in establishing and developing mission churches to the point of self-support and self-direction.

In the fifth chapter—"Constraining Love"—Mrs. McMurry departs from the simple, concrete approach of the rest of the book and undertakes to interpret fear, duty and the constraining love of Christ as motives for missionary endeavor. Then she proceeds to show the power of that love to overcome indifference and racial prejudice and to send one out in glad service as a worker together with God.

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WHEN YOUR CIRCLE STUDIES "Constraining Love" by Mrs. William McMurry of Nashville, Tenn., first-hand information is available from the following suggestions from Mrs. McMurry. Trained as a teacher, devoted to W.M.U. work and chairman of mission study for her state, Mrs. McMurry is exceptionally qualified to offer the following suggestions, which are gratefully received as is also her splendid book which it discusses. An appreciative review of the book is given on page 11 of this magazine.

In General to the Teacher:

1. Hold in mind the purpose of the book. See *Preface*.
2. *Pray*. Saturate your preparation in prayer. Pray that class members may know the pure joy of complete surrender of self and money to Christ.
3. Use these materials:

(1) Magazines: W.M.U. periodicals; *The Commission*; files of *Home and Foreign Fields*; reputable current news magazines; daily newspapers

(2) Books and pamphlets: (see text for others). *Lottie Moon*; 1939 report of Foreign Mission Board; *Album of Southern Baptist Foreign Missionaries*; *The Roumanian Crisis*, price 12c from 715 Eighth St., N.W., Washington, D. C. Three Foreign Policy Association publications, price 25c each (*War in China*, *Shadow over Europe*, *The Puzzle of Palestine*) from Foreign Policy Association, 8 W. 40th St., New York City.

(3) Miscellaneous: Map of the world: order either a missionary map for \$1 from Sunday School Board, 161 Eighth Ave., North, Nashville, Tenn., or a general map for 50c from National Geographic Society, Washington, D. C. Flags of countries where southern Baptist mission fields are located: order from Sunday School Board, price 15c each. Write to Foreign Mission Board, Box 1595, Richmond, Va., for free poster sheets, leaflets and price list of kodak pictures.

4. Utilize local resources, such as people who know personalities in the book, missionaries on furlough, foreign students who have attended one of the W.M.U. schools, curios sent by missionaries to friends in the society.

5. Make posters, one for each chapter, featuring the amounts that listed objects are to receive. Suggestion 1: print \$100,000 in center of poster. On smaller cardboard work out the salary of a missionary by the hour, day, week, month. Clip to the big one. Use a poster in each session. See complete list of designations in the program material for the Week of Prayer.

Session I. Chapter 1

Methods: Lecture, poster and assignment. Make a poster for each missionary or combine pictures on one large poster. See *Album* and files of mission magazines for pictures associated with the worker and his field. To give the purpose of the book, additional facts about Miss Moon and the general introduction will be the teacher's responsibility. Assign sketches to members with a gift for story telling. "Glimpses" of other missionaries who are supported by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering may be given also.

Session II. Chapter 2

Methods: Lecture and assignment. The teacher will find it profitable to explain the Margaret Fund and to climax the period with the appeal in division IV. For detailed information write to your state W.M.U. office for free leaflet and consult the Margaret Fund page in issues of *Royal Service*. Assign divisions II and III.

Session III. Chapter 3

Methods: Blackboard outline and assignment. The introduction, the significance of the Heck Memorial and the discussion from blackboard outline of the Mrs. W. J. Cox Fund can be handled best by the teacher. Make special assignments of student sketches and all schools in divisions II and III. See free leaflet for other W.M.U. schools. Suggestion for outline: use colored chalk to list the characteristic uses of the Fund as, 1. Provides *W.M.U. Headquarters* where needed; 2. Furnishes *Literature*; 3. Makes possible *Field Work*; 4. Promotes *Institutes* for training field workers; 5. Provides *Salaries and Traveling Expenses* for leaders; 6. Develops *Leadership* through *Scholarships*; 7. Helps *Finance Assemblies and Camps*.

Session IV. Chapter 4

Methods: Lecture, blackboard outline, poster and assignment. Make two posters: one featuring Stout Memorial, Dr. and Mrs. Beddoe and the hospital work in Wuchow; the other Old North Gate Church and its activities. Division I and up-to-the-minute news in Palestine can be given by the teacher. Assign division II and sections under division III.

Session V. Chapter 5

Methods: Lecture and discussion. Pour into the presentation of this chapter every drop of your personality consecrated to God through prayer. Study for yourself II Corinthians 5:14 and make its meaning your own. Ask yourself this question: Has the power of constraining love changed the center of my life? Include in section 2, under division 3, facts gleaned from source material. Lead class to contribute both to the factual and the inspirational side of the lesson. Seek reactions from every member.

EVERY MEMBER CANVASS (Concluded from Page 6)

3. They can help by actually soliciting subscriptions, explaining details, answering questions, having Bible readings and prayer, and by enlisting the people in other Christian service as well as in financial support. They should try to get every member of every circle and organization to respond cheerfully and liberally. Let's do a good job.

4. They can help by making their own subscriptions promptly and liberally (the tithe as a minimum) and by seeing that a proper proportion is observed between local expenses and missionary causes. Let's do it now.

"Be thou an example to them that believe", said Paul!

BOOK REVIEWS (Concluded from Page 11)

Altogether, this is an eminently enjoyable as well as a very practical study book. Therefore, it should arouse interest and increase participation not only in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering but also in all missionary work. (See "Circle Plans", pages 12-13.)



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

"There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in His justice,
Which is more than liberty.

Paul goes into Europe.

1st Day—Acts 16:10-24; Luke 18:35-43

2nd Day—Acts 16:25-40; Luke 5:12-16

3rd Day—Acts 17:1-12; Luke 7:16-23

4th Day—Acts 17:13-28; Luke 6:20-26

5th Day—Acts 18:1-17; Luke 6:27-30

6th Day—Acts 20:1-4; 27:1, 2;

Luke 6:31-35

7th Day—Acts 28:13-16, 30, 31;

Luke 6:36-38

Paul writes letters to Europe.

8th Day—I Cor. 1:1-9; Luke 6:39-42

9th Day—I Cor. 13:1-11; Luke 6:43-45

10th Day—II Cor. 1:1-11; Luke 6:46-49

11th Day—Phil. 2:12-16; 4:6-8, 13-19;

Luke 7:2-10

12th Day—I Thess. 5:11-24; Luke 7:11-17

13th Day—II Thess. 2:13-17; Luke 7:36-50

14th Day—Rom. 12:13-21; Mark 2:1-12

"For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of man's mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind".

A man of Ethiopia receives the Gospel.

15th Day—Acts 8:26-38; Luke 15:11-24

16th Day—Luke 3:1-6, 15-18, 21, 22;

John 10:7-10

17th Day—Luke 4:16-21; John 10:11-18

18th Day—John 3:5-7, 14-17; Luke 8:4-15

19th Day—John 3:27-36; Titus 1:10-16

20th Day—John 5:19-24; II Tim. 4:9-18

21st Day—Luke 13:29, 30; Matt. 6:24-34

By Grace . . . through Faith . . .

22nd Day—Gen. 15:6; Acts 2:37-47

23rd Day—Eph. 2:8, 9; Psa. 119:9-16

24th Day—Jas. 2:10; John 15:1-8

25th Day—Isa. 59:1, 2; Luke 9:57-62

26th Day—Mark 4:40; 11:22; Matt. 10:37-39

27th Day—Luke 7:50; 17:5; 9:23-25

28th Day—Luke 18:8; 22:67-71;

Rom. 12:1, 2

29th Day—Heb. 11:1-6; Luke 5:27-32

30th Day—Eph. 4:4-7; Phil. 3:7-14

"Pray Ye"

"With thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God".

Thank God for Jesus Christ, for our country, for food and clothing—and for peace!

Intercede for the president of the United States and others in authority that they may seek and follow God's leading.

Pray for the Red Cross and Anti-Tuberculosis League in their annual drive for funds to pursue their Christlike services.

Pray for (1) Every Member Campaign; (2) Cooperative Program; (3) Baptist Hundred Thousand Club; (4) South-wide Baptist Revival; (5) missionaries at home and abroad; (6) for war-torn countries, praying especially for Christian nationals.

Intercede for unusually faithful preparation by each W.M.U. organization for the December Week of Prayer; that the book, "Constraining Love", may be carefully studied before December; that the week's offering will far exceed the goal of \$200,000. (See pages 4, 8-13)



Calendar of Prayer November, 1939

Prepared by Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona

WORD of all being, throned afar,
Center and soul of every sphere,
Thy glory flames from sun and star,
Yet to each loving heart how near.

—O. W. Holmes

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

1—WEDNESDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Rodriguez, evangelistic workers, Calabar, Cuba
Thou hast planted them, yea, they have taken root: they grow, yea, they bring forth fruit.—Jer. 12:2

2—THURSDAY

*Miss Josephine Scagg, evangelistic-educational worker, Ogbomoso, Nigeria
I will love Thee, O Lord, my strength.
—Psa. 18:1

3—FRIDAY

Diligent study by W.M.S. and Y.W.A. members of book, "Constraining Love", in preparation for December Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions
Study in show thyself approved unto God—II Tim. 2:15

4—SATURDAY

Mr. and *Mrs. Nichols (Frances Hodges), educational workers, **Miss Lois Glass, evangelistic worker, Hwanghsien, China
In Thy name we go against this multitude.
—II Chron. 14:11

5—SUNDAY

"A revival meeting in every one of the 24,932 southern Baptist churches and in every unchurched community"
They ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.—Acts 5:42

6—MONDAY

Mrs. L. M. Duval (Alice Spragg), Mrs. W. T. Lumley (Carrie Green), emeritus missionaries from Africa
This God is our God forever and ever.
—Psa. 48:14

7—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. Neal Hughley, educational workers to their own Negro race, Okmulgee, Okla.
The entrance of Thy Word giveth light.
—Psa. 119:130

8—WEDNESDAY

**Mrs. Dunstan (Sallie Sirey), Pelotas, Miss Edith West, Victoria, Brazil, evangelistic workers
Thou art in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.
—Luke 15:10

9—THURSDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Gloria Carrizo Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Rios (Amelia Yenes), Cameron, Texas, evangelistic workers among Mexicans
They are the messengers of the churches.
—II Cor. 8:23

10—FRIDAY

†Miss Dois Knight, educational worker, †Miss Lucy Wright, medical worker, Hwanghsien, Miss Alice Huey, evangelistic worker, Laichow Fu, China
O Lord, Thou are our God: let not man prevail against Thee.—II Chron. 14:11

11—SATURDAY

Mrs. Johnson, Good Will Center, Baltimore, Md.
They helped everyone his neighbor.
—Isa. 41:6

12—SUNDAY

Faithful preparation for the Week of Prayer and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, Dec. 4-8
Let us draw nigh with a true heart, in full assurance of faith.—Heb. 10:22

13—MONDAY

W.M.U. annual meetings of Oklahoma at Muskogee, Texas at San Antonio, Nov. 13-14
Praise ye Jehovah . . . in the council of the upright.—Psa. 111:1

14—TUESDAY

Mrs. Duncan, Pineville, †Miss Agnes Miller, Lake Arthur, Louisiana, evangelistic workers among French
Only fear the Lord and serve Him in truth with all your heart.—I Sam. 12:14

Calendar of Prayer for November

15—WEDNESDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Martinez. Sabinal, Tex.
Mr. and Mrs. Ramirez. Havana, Cuba.
evangelistic workers
As ye have therefore opportunity let us
do good unto all men.—Gal. 6:10

16—THURSDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson (*Pauline Gilliland*), publication workers, El Paso, Tex.
Write the vision and make it plain upon
tablets.—Heb. 2:3

17—FRIDAY

Mrs. Baez, evangelistic worker among
Italians, Tampa, Mr. and Mrs. Shekane
evangelistic workers, Key West, Fla.
Order my steps in Thy Word.
—Psa. 119:133

18—SATURDAY

Dr. and Mrs. Vance (*Frances Hudson*)
Pingtu, Miss Sallie James, Chenchou,
China, medical workers
Help us, O Lord our God; for we rest in
Thee.—1 Chron. 14:11

19—SUNDAY

Members of W.M.U. may adhere to the
moral standards of the Union in teaching
and practice
Let your moderation be known unto all
men.—Phil. 4:5

20—MONDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Velich, evangelistic work-
ers among Jamaicans, Red Bank, Canal
Zone
Go thou and preach the Kingdom of
God.—Luke 9:60

21—TUESDAY

Theresa and David Anderson, whose par-
ents served in China; also Building Fund
of W.M.U. Training School
His dominion is from generation to gen-
eration.—Dan. 4:3

22—WEDNESDAY

Hearty participation in Every Member
Convess
Let each . . . lay by . . . as he may
prosper.—1 Cor. 16:2

23—THURSDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Santana (*Mercides Mon-
tano*), San Juan y Martinez, Mr. and Mrs.
Corugedo (*Marie Iglesias*), Matanzas, Cuba
evangelistic workers; also Moises Fernando
Santana, Margaret Fund student
Consider how great things He hath done
for you.—1 Sam. 12:24

24—FRIDAY

Mr. G. L. Stanley, worker with Chinese,
Mr. and Mrs. Garcia (*Adelina Villarreal*),
evangelistic workers among Mexicans, San
Antonio, Tex.
The Word of God shall stand forever.
—Isa. 40:8

25—SATURDAY

Misses Flora Dodson and Lydia
Greene, educational workers, Canton, China
The Lord hath made bare His holy arm
in the eyes of all the nations.
—Isa. 52:10

26—SUNDAY

All Christians may lift humble hearts to
God, in gratitude for His manifold bless-
ings
Give thanks unto the Lord, call upon His
Name, make known His deeds among the
people.—1 Chron. 16:8

27—MONDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Rodriguez (*Felipa Millán*),
Remedios, Mr. Hernandez, Camajuan,
Cuba, evangelistic workers; also Moises
Hernandez, Margaret Fund student
Thou shalt rejoice in every good thing
which the Lord thy God hath given unto
thee.—Deut. 16:11

28—TUESDAY

Mrs. Chambers (*Christine Coffee*), evan-
gelistic-educational worker, Mr. and Mrs.
Carver (*Emma Saxon Rowe*), educational
workers, Shanghai, China; also Christine
Chambers, Margaret Fund student
He is a shield to all them that put their
trust in Him.—1 Sam. 17:31

29—WEDNESDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Pereira, Cumanayagua, Mr.
and Mrs. Vasquez (*Marie Gonzales*), Pinar
del Rio, Cuba, evangelistic workers
The Lord is the strength of my life, of
whom shall I be afraid?—Psa. 124:1

30—THURSDAY

Faithful giving to make "Christmas for
Christ" in the Lottie Moon Christmas Of-
fering, Dec. 4-8
See that ye abound in this grace also.
—11 Cor. 8:7

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



BIBLE STUDY



Ellis Broadus Robertson, Kentucky

The POWER of the GOSPEL

Rom. 1:16; Isa. 55:1-11

A YOUNG WOMAN went out as missionary to Africa. She felt a distinct call to that field, though she had had little contact with Negroes in this country. The ship cast anchor, and dozens of half-naked savages swam out and swarmed up the ship's side, offering coral or the like. Her heart sank with dismay. "Is it for such wild creatures I have offered my life?" she thought. "They look little better than beasts!" The next Sunday she went to church with the senior missionary and his family. It was communion Sunday. The happy, intelligent faces of the worshipers—neatly dressed, reverent folk—brought her heart up with a bound of joy. Look what the Gospel can do for such as these!

The Apostle Paul gave his life to a more difficult task, preaching the Gospel to those who felt small need of it, to three of the proudest races on earth. The Greeks were proud of their culture, the Romans of their conquests and their laws, and the Jews felt quite sure of salvation by descent from Abraham. To these Israelites he stressed Christ, the fulfillment of the law and the prophets; to gentiles, "Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God". To all he preached Christ crucified, risen from the dead, sending His messengers "unto obedience of faith among all the nations". He says the Gospel is "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth", because it reveals "a new kind of righteousness, which God has and which He bestows", from faith to faith. This (v. 17) is the text of the epistle (ATR).

Immediately Paul points out that all have sinned by refusing to see the glory of God in His works, by making senseless idols, by doing what they know to be vile and wicked. We say, "A horrible picture of the ancient world!" But the daily papers and the outspoken magazines show the same sins here and now. What then is the Gospel? The good news of a Savior—we cannot say it too often! The Christmas angel said it (Lu. 2:11). Jesus Himself said: "The Good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep" (Jno. 10:11) and "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which is lost" (Lu. 19:10). Paul said: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31). These references we should all know! To the poor savage with his religion of fear or to a simple-hearted child just becoming aware of the difficulty of doing right it is easy to offer a Savior's love. A sophisticated sinner, anywhere at any time, is accustomed to deceive himself and seldom stops to realize his need. So repentance comes hard.

"The only advantage the early disciples had over us was that to them the Good News was a joyful surprise, a contrast with the uselessness of idols or the earthliness of the Greek and Roman divinities. These, the product of poetic imagination, had feet of clay to put it mildly. The early Christians had problems of their own and also the same weaknesses of temper that we have amid our problems". Apply this to our foreign mission fields. Let us pray especially for Dr. George Sadler, now charged with oversight of work in Africa, the Near East and Europe, among the descendants of all those of whom we have been thinking.

The lovely verses from Isaiah must have lain deep in the heart of Jesus—lofty, serene and tender like His own words, His own life. Compare Jno. 7:37; 4:13, 14.

BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Miss Inabelle Coleman, Virginia
SUGGESTIONS

Extras: From Miss Mary M. Hunter, Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Box 1595, Richmond, Va., secure the following free supplementary helps—wall posters portraying "Southern Baptists in Europe" and "Southern Baptists in Africa"; tracts: "Southern Baptists in Europe", "Southern Baptists in Africa" and "Baptist Young Women in Christian Training Overseas". Also for seven cents each secure kodak pictures of southern Baptist missions in Europe and in Africa; for merely the transportation charges motion pictures (16 mm) of southern Baptists in Europe and Africa; for a small cost beautiful trinkets and curios from Europe and Africa (write Miss Mary M. Hunter for price list). The book containing the messages delivered at the 1939 Baptist World Alliance will be an invaluable supplement to this program: secure copies (\$2.50 each) from Dr. Louie D. Newton, 1085 Ponce de Leon Ave., N.E., Atlanta, Ga.

Atmosphere: Victrola records of Europe's favorites from Germany, Hungary, Italy, Rumania, Spain played softly as members arrive; European art (paintings, prints, sculpture, wood carving etc.) decorating the assembly room; a table of European dolls; other European trinkets; and one table displaying ikons, statues, crucifix, rosaries, jujus, images etc. distinctive of Catholic worship and pagan religion. Let a hostess preside over this display in order to insure correct interpretations and attitudes that there may be no infidelity, lack of truth or frivolous comments. It is a serious reality to behold material, man-made objects of soul worship due only to God.

Current Facts: Essential it is that the program chairman follow the latest Baptist news from Europe. Conditions affecting southern Baptist interests in all five of the European nations in which southern Baptists work are changing constantly and these missions merit our special prayers at this time.

Personal Application: If there is one single foreigner from overseas in your city or community, this month and this program challenge your circle to remember that foreigner with some kind of Thanksgiving greeting, party, tea, basket, all depending on the need. And whatever is done, may it be done in the name of Christ and your church that each foreigner contacted may accept it as a token of God's love expressed through you.

Program Presentation: Focus a real or improvised telescope upon a large globe of the world with a flashlight turned on Europe and Africa as they claim the center of thought. Participants on program may look through the telescope as an introduction to their respective comments. This may be very impressive.

Nuggets: Whatever the conditions may be in Europe when this page comes from the press, one fact is that there are thousands of peace-loving, earnest Christians in Europe. Many of them join the Baptists of Rumania who said: "One verse and one alone keeps us steady. It is Romans 8:28 (read it). Then our prime concern during our days of distress is that we truly love God. That we may not be lacking in our devotion to Him is our only hope. Then, and only then, can all things work together for our final and ultimate good". Do we, can we have such faith, such love? Does such a statement challenge us to pray more intelligently, more fervently for our sisters and brothers in Europe?

Never in the history of the Foreign Mission Board have such compelling calls come for more missionaries for Africa. Kings and potentates add their pleas to those of the humble heathen who beg for messengers of Light for the dark hearts of the Dark Continent. Surely we must answer before the growing Mohammedanism and sins of indifference close these open doors. Pray for Africa!

TOPIC—BEHOLDING EUROPE and AFRICA

International Music

Scripture Verses of Gratitude (See also page 17)

Silent Prayers of Worship, Praise and Gratitude

Hymn: "This Is Our Father's World"

Introduction: "The Great Commission and Two Continents" (Page 20)

Telescoping Europe: "Southern Baptists in Europe" (Page 21)

Quartet: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds Our Hearts"

Focusing upon Africa: "Southern Baptists in Africa" and "A Lady of Healing" (Pages 24-26)

Close-Up Views: "New Beginning of Nigerian B.T.S." and "Winning through a School" (Pages 26-27)

Prayers for Africa

A Call through the World Telescope: "Come Over and Help Us" (Page 27)

Round Table Discussion

—Hymn: "We've a Story to Tell"

—Cham of Prayers

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PROGRAM PLANS

Mrs. T. M. Pittman, North Carolina

With the PROGRAM COMMITTEE



As this program is being prepared, the eyes of the world are upon Europe. Ears are strained to catch the latest news and hearts are aching for that war-possessed continent. Surely there was never a time of such distress we say. We wonder what the end will be and how long the distressing anxiety must last.

We turn to our Bibles for help and understanding. Habakkuk, the prophet, comes to us with his burden, describing the spoiling and violence that are before him. He foretells that the wicked shall encompass the righteous. (See Habakkuk, first chapter. Then read second and third chapters.)

We note that while the prophet is in great distress, some of the sweetest and most comforting verses of the Bible are uttered in the midst of his woe. "The just shall live by faith For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea But the Lord is in His holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before Him".

The closing verses of this short prophecy are full of exultation. Read chapter 3:17-19. See how the prophet cries out that though all shall be taken away, the fruits, the flocks and herds, "yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The Lord God is my strength".

See the fulfillment of this prophecy in II Chron. 36:6-8, 14-21. It strengthens our hearts and faith to see how God can bring good out of evil and work His purposes through the uncertain acts of men.

In the study of our mission work in Europe at the November meeting, more than usual time should be given to prayer. The Program Committee would do well to make note of the things for which prayer should be offered as they study the material given by Mrs. Creasman. Write these subjects plainly on slips of paper and give to the women before the meeting opens. If there are not enough women who will lead in prayer, write short prayers from the Bible for them to read. Certainly the missionaries should be mentioned by name in these prayers. How often one is impressed with the lack of definite prayer for missions in a missionary society. Let this be an exception.

The November program falls naturally into two sections. First, Baptist Missions in Europe; second, Baptist Missions in Nigeria. (Pages 20-28)

Two women may be chosen who will take these subjects. They may call on others to help them or give carefully prepared talks on the topics assigned. There is much confusion in the minds of many when someone speaks of Budapest and Bucharest, of YugoSlavia and Rumania etc. So it will be important for the speaker to know her map of Europe and to help her hearers understand the cities and countries as she tells of them. In nearly every newspaper there are maps of Europe today. One of these can be used to show in a simple way the location of the European countries in which southern Baptists work.

Our Nigerian work in Africa is well known in its geography to those who have long studied our mission work. There are always newcomers who need to be taught, so a map here would help.

In closing the meeting let us take Paul's petition to the Thessalonians as coming fresh from our missionaries today: "Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified, even as it is with you. And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men" (II Thess. 3:1-2).

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PROGRAM for NOVEMBER

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.

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THEME for YEAR: The GREAT COMMISSION—OUR MISSION

TOPIC for MONTH: What Southern Baptists Are Doing in Europe and Africa to Carry Out the Great Commission

Hymn for Year

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Hymn—There Is Power in the Blood

The Great Commission and Two Continents

Southern Baptists in Europe

Prayer for all of our work in Europe

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Come Over and Help Us

—A "Henrietta" in Europe

—Hymn—O Zion Haste

—A Lady of Healing

—Hymn—Send the Light

—Benediction (Page 28)

The GREAT COMMISSION and TWO CONTINENTS



It seems strange to group together for study in one program two continents as different as are Europe and Africa. One is inhabited almost altogether by white races; the other, almost altogether by black races. One has for centuries been the center of the world's civilization, culture and art; therefore it is considered a continent of light; while the other has been a center of superstition, ignorance and savagery and is known as the Dark Continent. One is largely Catholic in religion, while the other is almost wholly

pagan. Yet these two continents are alike in their need of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

It is interesting to remember that into both of these continents the Gospel was probably carried by men who heard the words of the Great Commission fall from the lips of Jesus Himself. Within the first century after Jesus ascended to the Father strong Christian churches were established in northern Africa and in southern Europe. But the same evils of formalism, ecclesiasticism and sacramentalism entered the churches of both continents, robbing them of their spiritual power. Those in northern Africa failed to carry the light of the Gospel on down through this great continent where millions of black people lived in heathen darkness. Those in Europe retired into great cathedrals and monasteries producing the Dark Ages from which her people have never altogether recovered.

So we see today Africa—dark with all the superstitions, ignorance and evil practices of her heathen religion; and Europe, dark with the domination of her two Catholic and other state churches which are cursing her people with superstitions and false ideals of Christianity almost as bad as paganism. And again Jesus is giving His Great Commission. We are sure He is saying:

"Go ye and make disciples of all the white nations of Europe, shadowed by conflicts, fears and wrong conceptions of Christianity.

"Go ye and make disciples of all the black nations of Africa, shadowed by idolatry, fears and all the evils of paganism.

"Go ye and carry the light of God's love to these two dark continents".

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS in EUROPE

THE countries of Europe hold our constant attention and interest today. Every morning we scan our newspapers to see what events of importance twenty-four or fewer hours have produced on that continent. We know that our own nation is so tied up with the affairs of Europe that everything that transpires there will sooner or later influence conditions on this side of the Atlantic.

When so much of the news from Europe is about jealousies, conflicts, broken treaties and declarations of war, how sweet it is to know that our own Southern Baptist Convention has dotted the darkness of Europe with lights of missionary work. For almost seventy years southern Baptists have been obeying the Great Commission in Europe, for it was in 1870 that our first missionaries went to Italy. For almost twenty years we have helped with the work also in Hungary, YugoSlavia, Rumania and Spain.

Missionaries—It is not the policy of our Foreign Board to send missionaries in large numbers to Europe, for the Baptist work in all European lands started with the native people themselves and can best be carried on with native

leadership. These Baptists can win their co-nationals to Christ far better than foreigners can. So it is our plan to give them much needed financial help and to send a few missionaries to help train the native leaders. We have in Spain two missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Nils Bengtson. During the recent revolution the work of these has been done largely in refugee camps but it is hoped that soon normal conditions will make possible their regular missionary work among the churches. In Italy we have two missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. W. Dewey Moore, who have been on the field only a short time but are starting their work in a splendid way. Last year Hungary was the home of Dr. Gill, who is now an emeritus missionary after serving as director of all of our European work. He and Mrs. Gill lived in Budapest, where Mrs. Gill served as directress of the Training School for Young Women. Miss Ruby Daniel is the dean of this school. The Baptists of YugoSlavia are happy in the coming of a long-desired missionary, Rev. John Allen Moore, who is now studying the language, getting ready to take charge of the task of training native preachers and leaders. In his last report of European work Dr. Gill referred to the coming to Rumania of three couples "to take up their work with our persecuted Baptist brethren in these hard and dangerous times". Mr. and Mrs. Peter Trutza returned to their former field of service in our two Bucharest schools. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Craighead returned to Bucovina, "which is at present one of the most dangerous zones in Europe". The third couple are new missionaries—Mr. and Mrs. Roy F. Starmer—who bravely entered their new field of service during that period of last year "while all Europe was still in a state of semi-hysterics". These complete the list of our missionaries in Europe—as heroic a group as can be found on any foreign mission field.

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that at least one of them has followed in the train of this pioneer heroine by giving herself to the foreign mission cause. May others do likewise! Every foreign mission field needs some "Henriettas".

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS in AFRICA

FOR almost 90 years southern Baptists have been obeying the Great Commission in Africa, for it was in 1850 that our first missionaries were sent to the Dark Continent. The part of Africa chosen for southern Baptist mission work was Nigeria, a British Crown Colony in tropical Africa, having now a population of about twenty million.

Missionaries — Southern Baptists have in Nigeria today 43 missionaries, with Dr. George Green as general secretary. These serve in seven different stations and engage in the usual forms of missionary work—schools, medical work, W.M.U., all kinds of church work with evangelism the purpose of every activity. We are glad that each year our Foreign Mission Board is sending new recruits to Nigeria. If we could send a thousand they would not be too many for this needy missionary field.

Visitors to Africa—An event of great importance to the Nigerian Mission last year was a visit from southern Baptist guests. Our foreign mission secretary, Dr. Maddy, Mrs. Maddy, Dr. and Mrs. M. T. Andrews and Mrs. J. B. Boatwright were the fortunate visitors. This was the first time any southern Baptist other than missionaries had ever gone to Nigeria, so it was indeed an event of most momentous importance to both missionaries and Nigerian Baptists. The experience of these visitors to Africa has been summed up as follows:

"Of the thirty-seven days spent in Nigeria, twenty-six were used in travel visiting centers in eleven of the fourteen districts of Nigeria where Baptist churches are established; greeting and being greeted by African chiefs of all ranks and by multitudes of our African

Baptist people; addressing group meetings; receiving gifts, tokens of the people's appreciation of the visitors and the American constituency they represented; experiencing the novelty of camping in a schoolhouse; sleeping on camp beds; lunching under grass roofed sheds; picnicking by the side of the road; hearing foreign tongues; speaking through interpreters. Yes! The itinerary was strenuous. Days of travel were sometimes long on winding, dangerous roads, but the beautiful and ever-changing scenery broke the monotony and eased the hardships of the trip. The people drummed, danced and sang, and all were happy".

An important event of the visit was an eight day conference with missionaries and African representatives of the Nigerian Baptist Convention. At this conference "important questions of policy, location of educational institutions, programs of church reorganization, evangelism, missionary reinforcement, equipment and expansion were presented, discussed and agreed upon".

New Plans—As a result of this conference new plans for the work covering a period of six years were made. A glance at these plans shows that new missionaries are to be sent out, six new missionary homes built, a publication society created for the purpose of publishing literature for our Baptist work in Nigeria, a department of dispensaries and clinics established and a small orphanage started. The visitors themselves gave to the mission three rest houses to be used by the missionaries when out in field work, as well as when on vacations. A plan sure to influence greatly the work of the churches was one to urge all churches to adopt the new constitution of the convention which would make necessary the purging of church rolls at once, excluding from active membership all who believe in and practice polygamy. This will cut down the membership of the churches but will raise the standard of Christian living and increase the Spiritual power of

the Christians. Splendid plans are these for the advancement of our work in Africa and we believe they will mean a new day for the Nigerian Mission.

A LADY of HEALING

A NEW work in Nigeria is the Department of Dispensaries and Clinics. Miss Eva Sanders is in charge of this work. Miss Manley writes of her: "She is a splendid nurse and a talented musician. She wins many people with her songs. We were in a distant town one day in her car and stopped to turn around. There were some children nearby whom neither of us remembered ever having seen. They saw her and a shout went up—'Oh, there is the Come-go-with-me-to-my-Father's-House Lady'. The song she uses most in her teaching is 'My Father's House', and this was what the children remembered. So we stopped and sang with the children who gathered in large numbers. Thus does she reach the hearts of all even while she tries to help them physically".

Miss Sanders writes of her work as follows:

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth"—III John 2. These words of John are our prayer as we venture on this new phase of work in Nigeria. Our first aim is to see to the welfare of the souls of our people. In order to do this we frequently have to care for a sin-wrecked physical body before the soul can be reached. First of all, we give the message of Christ, most frequently using the verse: "Believe on the Lord, Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved", and then we endeavor to use the knowledge and strength He has given us to heal their bodies in the Name of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Songs and verses are given along as we serve.

Just two days ago a woman, for whose children we have cared since the reopening of the Baki dispensary, came to ask if she might study in the class to learn more about Jesus and be baptized. Just

three months ago when her last child was born she cried strongly for Shango, the god of thunder. I questioned her carefully and she says she has left Shango and believes on Christ.

Two weeks ago we combined a W.M.U. and dispensary visit. Miss Young, with the help of strong Christians, conducted a W.M.U. School for one week among representatives from the various churches of the Oke Ogun Association. A native nurse helped me as we treated heathen, Mohammedan and Christian patients when they came to the little grass market shed which had been granted to us for our work. Many heathen and Mohammedans who would not go into the church came for treatment and there heard the Word. I was also privileged to have one class period a day to give health talks in the W.M.U. School. In this class we stressed mostly the cleansing of the heart and healing of the soul and then pointed out the importance of the care of the body, a gift from God, to be used as a pure instrument in His hand for His own glory.

Our usual plan is to spend at least a week in a village, treating and advising the sick, preaching the Word to all as they come, holding Laymen's Bible Schools for the spiritual growth of the Christians. There are many discouragements and heartbreaks along the way—as when a heathen priest came and laughed at us as he dared us to treat him for an incurable disease; when a child was brought with a malignant condition of the arm but mutely pleading with hands and eyes for us to help him; but, most of all, when a group of Mohammedan women ran away as we started to tell of Christ.

Quite frequently, the encouragements counteract these—as when a young boy, so crippled that he walks on his hands just sliding his body along, came clean, smiling and joyous, saying he was ready to give his heart to Jesus; when a boy whose eyes were so diseased that he was laid on a mat by our grass shed for constant treatment while friends held an

umbrella over him and listened to the Word over and over the same day until the boy's eyes were clearer as was the Light in his heart and in the hearts of his friends. May God direct us to do this work in the way that will glorify Him and bring others to do the same!

NEW BEGINNING of NIGERIAN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Dr. J. C. Pool writes as follows:

"When Dr. Maddy visited Africa, he and his party suggested that the seminary be returned to Ogbomosho and that it be given a permanent home there. We now have buildings and grounds which are ample for our needs for some time to come. A new beginning for the seminary has come now, and we have great hopes for its future. For a number of years the school has been moved from place to place and has been connected with other institutions or followed the missionary in charge.

"Since having been located in Ogbomosho this time we have come to the place that we can have a really challenging program for the school. This year we have enrolled twenty-one students. There are two types of work offered in our curriculum. One class studies for two years, and another for three years. The two-year class studies a course of fundamentals which trains young men to go out and do effective pastoral work. The three-year class is made up of men who have the practical equivalent of a junior college education when they come to us. They study a course that leads to the Th.B. degree. These men become really well trained pastors and do a high standard of work. We have a high standard for all of the men as far as that is concerned, but the two-year men do not have the background to the higher courses. More than that our churches have not progressed to the point where they can all support the higher trained men.

"Ogbomosho is a great mission and evangelistic opportunity for the seminary and its students and teachers. We

are finding that we have many chances to win men to Christ. The seminary has an intensive program of evangelism and practical work for the students. Every Wednesday afternoon we go into the streets and compounds of the town to preach the Gospel. On Sundays every student and all of the teachers are engaged either as pastors or in some active work in the Ogbomosho churches and district. One of our tutors spends his Sundays in the lower part of Ogbomosho preaching out in the open. He goes to a part of the town where no preacher has ever gone before. Usually he holds from three to four services every Sunday in different sections of that neighborhood. Another tutor is the pastor of one of the smaller churches in the town and is leading it forward at a rapid pace. The principal of the school helps with the preaching points of the first tutor and spends a good deal of his time supervising the practical endeavors of the students in the churches. One of the students is pastor of another of the small churches in Ogbomosho, where we have one of our best opportunities. Another student is pastor at a place called Ikoyi, which is a Mohammedan town and presents an opportunity for really pioneer mission work. Mrs. Pool goes there a great deal of the time and helps with the services. She makes good use of her accordion to draw the people to the church to hear the Gospel. Still another student goes to a place called Olla; there he finds great crowds of people to hear his messages. He sometimes preaches to almost five hundred people at a time. One more of our seminary men goes to a place about seventy miles away to preach to a heathen town and to teach the people there the way to Jesus.

"We have held one outdoor or open air revival already this year, using all of our students and getting the cooperation of the Ogbomosho Christians. We plan another for a later time. During our holiday season students will be serving as supply pastors and going out to various points to preach. There are

many churches which are pastorless and the need for a trained ministry for Nigeria is the most distressing one we have at the present in all the land. Our people need enlightened ministers.

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WINNING through a SCHOOL

LAST winter, after five years of absence, Mrs. B. L. Lockett returned to Nigeria. She is now in charge of the day school at Ogbomosho the same work she had when she and Dr. Lockett were together in Nigeria. She writes as follows of the evangelistic work of the school:

"We stress evangelism in our Christian schools. Many of the children come from heathen and Mohammedan homes. We teach Bible to each class five times a week; each morning every room has a devotional. Every teacher does personal work with his pupils, as does the principal of the school who takes the children to her office to talk and pray with them.

"Every Thursday afternoon the teachers meet with the principal for Bible study and prayer. This year we have studied a book on soul winning and on the power of the Holy Spirit.

"We always have an evangelistic

meeting every year especially for the day school pupils. This year we spent weeks in prayer and preparation for our meeting and we have been greatly blessed of God. First we prayed very earnestly that God would lead us to the right man to preach for us. One afternoon, when the teachers were not expecting to come to a decision as to whom we would ask, the principal asked each one to pray silently and then without communication with others to write on a slip of paper three names. Every slip had one man's name on it and, out of thirteen teachers, eight had chosen him first.

"Tutor Adighite, a teacher in the Theological Seminary, was the one chosen. He brought wonderful messages. The children and teachers listened with rapt attention. Many of the children came under strong conviction of sin. Fifty-four came confessing Christ out of the three hundred pupils who attend the day school. Each one was prayed with and talked to personally and came to a decision not in public but in private. All of the children from the first standard up are now Christians. Sometimes the children are converted in the classroom or during a private talk with the teacher or principal when there is no meeting going on.

"Many come from heathen homes and they are deeply interested in winning their loved ones to Christ. Often in this land Christian children win their heathen parents to Christ. Please pray for our school".

COME OVER and HELP US

LONG ago a missionary saw in a vision a man of Europe saying, "Come over into Macedonia and help us". Today we see two men from two continents saying, "Come over and help us".

The white man from Europe cries: "Come over and help to give the Gospel to our millions of lost people. Come and give our people who are in the bonds of state churches the Truth which will

make them free. Come and teach our war-stricken nations about the Prince of Peace. Come and tell us of Him who can bring calm and rest to our fearful hearts. Come over into Europe and help us".

The black man from Africa cries: "Come over and give the Gospel to the twenty million lost people of Nigeria. Come and teach our people to worship God instead of evil spirits and pagan

deities. Come and bring us the light of Jesus' love which will drive away the darkness of our superstitious and fears. Come and bring us the Gospel of love, peace and light. Come over into Africa and help us".

The white man in Europe and the black man in Africa say, "Come". Jesus says, "Go". We must answer the calls of the needy by obeying the Great Commission of our Lord.

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. Name our missionaries to Europe.
2. Tell something of the Baptist churches in Europe.
3. Discuss the difficulties of the work in Europe.
4. Mention encouraging features of our work in Europe.
5. How many missionaries do we have in Africa?
6. Tell something of Dr. Maddy's visit to Nigeria.
7. Discuss the new plans for the work in Nigeria.
8. Tell something of the work of the new department of dispensaries and clinics.
9. Tell of the work of the seminary in Ogbomoso.
10. Tell of the evangelistic work of the day school in Ogbomoso.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

World Comrades	—The Window of Y.W.A.
The Commission	—Last Report of Foreign Mission Board
State Baptist Papers	
Europe—Christ or Chaos?	Dr. Everett Gill
Believers and Builders in Europe	Emma Parker Maddy
Day Dawn in Yoruba Land	Dr. Charles E. Maddy

Like Jesus she "went about doing good".

AMONG the privileges of visiting the S.B.C. Mission in Kaifeng, interior China, was the opportunity of fellowship with the very evangelistic Miss Viola Humphreys. Twenty years ago she entered upon such work, having been trained in Simmons College and the Southwestern Training School at Fort Worth, Texas. Surely the leaders in these religious centers as well as all southern Baptists rejoice in her evangelistic zeal, giving added thanks that her field of service was interior China where the opportunities for proclaiming the Gospel are countless. Miss Humphreys realized this and gave herself unreservedly to the winning of souls. It is inspiring to contemplate the number that through eternity will be grateful to her for leading them to the Savior. And now He has come (*Aug. 25*) that she might enter into her rich reward, its highest value being that she followed Him in "doing good".

PREPARING for PRAYER WEEK (Concluded from Page 8)

Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Gillespie	Kaifeng, China
Miss Lois Glass	Laichow, China
Mrs. W. B. Glass	Hwang-Hsien, China
Miss Elizabeth Hale	Shanghai, China
Miss Floy Hawkins	Walchow, China
Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Hayes	Canton, China
Miss Alice Huey	Laichow, China
Miss Lillie Mae Hundley	Shanghai, China
Miss Clarabel Isdell	Yangchow, China
Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Jacob	Pingtu, China
Mrs. W. B. Johnson	Kunshan, China
Miss Florence Lide	Hwang-Hsien, China
Miss Helen McCullough	Shanghai, China
Rev. and Mrs. C. G. McDaniel	Soochow, China
Mrs. H. H. McMillan	Soochow, China
Miss Rose Marlowe	Shanghai, China
Dr. and Mrs. R. E. L. Mewshaw	Yangchow, China
Miss Katie Murray	Chengchow, China
Mrs. Earl Parker	Pingtu, China
Miss Auris Pender	Shiu Hing, China
Dr. Ethel M. Pierce	Yangchow, China
Rev. Rex Ray	Wuchow, China
Miss Olive Riddell	Kweitch, China
Miss Hannah Fair Sallee	Shanghai, China
Miss Leonora Scarlett	Kongmoon, China
Miss Margie Shumate	Shiu Hing, China
Mrs. D. F. Stamps	Yangchow, China
Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Tipton	Shanghai, China
Miss Lila Watson	Shanghai, China
Miss Grace Wells	Chinkiang, China
Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Westbrook	Shanghai, China
Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Wiley	Shanghai, China
Mrs. J. T. Williams	Shanghai, China
Mrs. C. K. Dozier	Fukuoka, Japan
Rev. and Mrs. Edwin B. Dozier	Fukuoka, Japan
Dr. and Mrs. W. Maxfield Garrott	Fukuoka, Japan
Miss Alma Graves	Kokura, Japan
Rev. and Mrs. J. Franklin Ray	Hiroshima, Japan
Miss Elsie Clor	Jerusalem, Palestine
Mrs. H. Leo Eddleman	Tel Aviv, Palestine

(The death of Miss Viola Humphreys necessitated selection of another missionary for this list but selection could not be made in time for announcement in this issue.)



OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



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

CHRISTMAS IS COMING



It will be a strange Christmas in our anguished world this 1939 but the Christmas message is our hope. Therefore all our young people should find their hearts unusually tender to the message of Bethlehem:

"Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight".

This Christmas will be cynical and sad to an unusual degree unless young people and adults make it in truth a Christmas for Christ. How fortunate that we as southern Baptists have our December Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and its accompanying Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to turn our hearts and minds to the deep reality of Christ—mas.

Be sure that every counselor receives the supplies for her missionary education organization. These are distributed according to the state plan and are ready for all. If an organization does not receive its programs, up-to-date record or address is missing somewhere. Do not overlook the necessity for having your own material. Then do not fail to use it. The "Appeal" from the Foreign Mission Board and a preparatory program appear in *World Comrades* and in *The Window of Y. W. A.* Use these before the week of December 4-8, also follow suggestions included with the program material itself. Set a worthy goal for the gifts, knowing that giving follows a real understanding of the object of the offering.

Even Sunbeams can learn a great deal about the proposed use of the \$200,000: let them also know that the Foreign Mission Board hopes we will gather in more than \$200,000. Be sure that all young people understand that the offering is in addition to their Cooperative Program pledges, that it is to be expended according to its announced list of objectives, the Foreign Board feeling that this is wise. These objectives are indicated in each program in one way or another and should be made definite by prayer and knowledge of the work for which the gift is needed.

Encourage a deep feeling of Christian responsibility for a world so tragically lost and wrapped in hatreds so keen that the angels' song of peace scarcely is heard echoing above the noise and confusion of warfare. "Merry Christmas" is not exclusively for America's children or population: we must make sure that by prayers and gifts "Merry Christmas" spreads its beneficent influence to all people. By putting Christ first in our Christmas giving we can help bring about different world conditions as Christmas comes in succeeding years. Some of the young people will be tempted to feel that the task is hopeless; therefore, the counselors must steady doubting faith into a glowing assurance that the "great joy" shall yet be "to all nations".

Be sure that the prayer services of the different organizations are planned for as additional meetings, not to supplant the regular program meeting. Be sure that preparation leads to real praying. Better a brief prayer-meeting of reverent worship and earnest petition, which becomes significantly a part of Christmas for Christ, rather than a longer meeting which is merely "another" G.A. or R.A. or Y.W.A. meeting. Be sure that all members receive the envelopes and have the blessed experience of giving an offering that means doing without something for one's own gratification. Our gifts, generous as they have been, have seldom risen to the plane of sacrifice. Let us bring our young people up to it this Christmas of 1939—this Christmas so fraught with pain and perplexity must look forward to that day "when the whole world sends back the song which now the angels sing".



COLLEGE Y. W. A.



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

Y. W. A's. in NOVEMBER



Each quarter our Woman's Missionary Union has turned to focus attention on one of our graded missionary education organizations. *November 12-18 is Y. W. A. Focus Week this year:* all will want to emphasize the splendid achievements and the enlarged possibilities for the 77,423 young women of our 5,381 Y. W. A. organizations. Pastors and young people's directors will join with members and counselors in making valuable plans for the week and in carrying them out in the most successful manner.

Focus Weeks were inaugurated to assure a more adequate understanding of the purpose and worth of W.M.U. young people's organizations in each church, to provide a particular emphasis on enlistment and planning for each organization, to stir among the members renewed enthusiasm for missions. If these aims are kept in mind, plans for Y.W.A. Focus Week will multiply rapidly as committees begin to think about it.

How let the church know what Y.W.A. is and does? The pastor may invite participation in the Sunday service—ushering done by Y.W.A's. in white dresses with green shoulder bands, Y.W.A's. sitting together in reserved seats, an explanatory paragraph in the church calendar and in the newspapers, Y.W.A's. singing a special hymn if they have a good chorus, Y.W.A. posters on display, Y.W.A's. quoting Scriptures, Y.W.A's. giving pantomime of "O Zion Haste" or some other missionary play or pageant, brief talks from Y.W.A's. on the value of the organization personally. Wednesday evening prayer service may be devoted to Y.W.A's. for some of the above-mentioned public demonstrations. Special arrangements can be made in behalf of Grace McBride and Ann Hasseltine Y.W.A's. in all the plans.

How provide a particular emphasis on enlistment and planning? This week's activities urge invitations to unenlisted Y.W.A's.—personal invitations, telephone invitations, written invitations. Get the names of unenlisted eligible young women from any possible sources, visit Sunday school classes with announcements of plans for the week. Have meeting of Y.W.A. officers and committee chairmen and plan for whirlwind enlistment campaign as well as for more vigorous Y.W.A. activity. Check up on Standard of Excellence to see where your Y.W.A. can give more earnest Kingdom effort.

How stir renewed enthusiasm among present members? The very making of delightful plans heightens enthusiasm of those already belonging. If the W.M.S. plans a Y.W.A. banquet with Y.W.A's. aiding in arranging program and favors, all will be fired with new zeal as they make it altogether attractive for prospective members. Working up details of Church Stewardship Night brings the Stewardship Committee to new appreciation of what it can and should do in the coming months. Busy activity in the Focus Week for the Social Committee indicates ways of continued zeal in the months ahead. The Music Committee aroused for this particular week will not settle down into tuneless lethargy again soon. The Mission Study Committee will see that this will be an excellent week for studying the book preparatory for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions: this book—"Constraining Love" written by Mrs. William McMurry who customarily prepares the Y.W.A. programs in *The Window of Y.W.A.*—will be most interesting to Y.W.A's.; its study can be a feature of Focus Week. (See pages 11-13 of this magazine.)

So the plans will roll out readily as one thinks of young women and missions and realizes that, through Young Woman's Auxiliary, the young women of southern Baptist churches are becoming a power for the Kingdom. Observe Y.W.A. Focus Week, please!



MARGARET FUND



Chairman: Mrs. H. M. Rhodes, Tennessee

(Note: We are happy to bring to you a message from the pen of our dear friend and co-worker, Mrs. Frank Burney, former chairman of Margaret Fund and now president of Georgia W.M.U. We too are thrilled when we see the "fruits" of the Margaret Fund work of which she tells us. For instance: the exquisite stories, "Spun by an Angel", in August issue of *McCall's Magazine*, and "All Ye Faithful", in August issue of *Good Housekeeping*, written by a former Margaret Fund student, Martha Cheavens whose parents served long and well in Mexico.)

MISSIONS in the MARGARET FUND

THE Margaret Fund is missions in action: ministering to missionaries, training new missionaries. It makes all of us more missionary conscious.

On a railway dining car last spring a splendid looking young man came across the aisle to where four of us were eating and introduced himself. With eyes alight with joy, he said that he was a former Margaret Fund student and was en route to Richmond, Virginia, to stand an examination, hoping to be appointed to mission work in Brazil. Yes, it was Albert Bagby and we rejoice that he and his wife were two of the recently appointed missionaries to Brazil. I wish you could know the quiverings of our heart-strings as he talked of what the Margaret Fund had meant to him while in school in Texas. As we beheld him—so manly, so strong, now prepared and ready for service for our God—we could but whisper a prayer of thanksgiving for the interest of our women and their auxiliaries in these young lives. He spoke so tenderly, so gratefully of Woman's Missionary Union and of the great service extended to missions through the Margaret Fund.

More strongly is the Margaret Fund linked to missions now, because of its being financed largely through our December and March Seasons of Prayer offerings. How wisely God led us to this splendid plan. So often were we alarmed and disturbed for fear we would not have sufficient funds for every appeal. Now all eligible applicants, whose parents are regularly appointed missionaries of either the Foreign or Home Board, can be considered without anxiety. Instead of reducing the amount as some feared, our gifts through these Seasons of Prayer have multiplied for both foreign and home missions, and we praise our Father for the gracious response each December and each March.

The interest of our women and young people in the students increases with the years. Their presence on any program brings youth and beauty, and our zeal for mission causes is awakened and sealed anew.

Last spring in the annual W.M.U. meetings of Georgia and Virginia, our missionary fervor was quickened by the presence of the two Patterson daughters in Georgia and by the three daughters of Dr. and Mrs. George Green in Virginia. As we gazed upon these precious young girls we realized anew the "cost of missions" to our missionaries, and our hearts longed the more to support more abundantly the causes in Africa where their parents serve. We were constrained again to try to throw around these daughters, far from parents, a mantle of understanding love, prayer and protection that would bless their young lives.

We shall remember to pray for our Margaret Fund chairman, Mrs. Rhodes, for our students and their parents and for our many new missionaries trained for service by the Margaret Fund.—Mrs. Frank Burney, Ga.



TRAINING SCHOOL



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

A NEW YEAR BEGINS

SEPTEMBER 12th marked the beginning of the thirty-third session of the W.M.U. Training School, a new year filled with high hopes and great promise. All of the first floor including the parlors, offices, classrooms, library and dining room had been made new and fresh with paint and calcimine, an important provision in this section of the city where dirt and smoke are the great despoilers.

An increase in enrolment indicates better conditions generally in our denominational family and new interest in the Training School. To date (September 21) eighty-six boarding students and forty-three day students have registered. Not since 1925 have we opened with so large a number of boarding students. The figures at this date last year were seventy-seven boarding and forty-five day students.

There is always friendly rivalry among the states as to their boarding students. After many years of following, *North Carolina* comes back to first place with fourteen: Laura Bateman, Martha Beck, Louise Bashford, Julia David, Betty Claire Jennings, Doris McKnight, Evelyn Mills, Mary Lawrence Mills, Mary Ann Peebles, Louise Pender, Pauline Perry, Victoria Tant, Annet Triplett, Frances King Turner; *Kentucky* leading last year regrettably takes second place with nine: Mary Julia Augenstein, Hattie Black, Eva Lena Buscy, Evelyn Crooks, Dorothy Eam, Mary Elizabeth Fogle, Virginia Garland, Dorothy Gilbert, Ada Jackson; *Tennessee* third with eight: Kathleen Deskins, Lois Fielden, Mary Gifford, Zenona Faust, Gertrude Hale, Mary Mills, Annie Rogers, Zella Sipe; *Florida and Mississippi* tie for fourth place with seven each: (Florida) Mary Ellen Anderson, Sadie Anderson, Helen Dodd, Elizabeth Higginbotham, Margaret Kader, Elsie Renfro, Phyllis Sokol; (Mississippi) Mary Elizabeth Ainsworth, Dorothy Dean, Casile Middleton, Georgia May Ogburn, Bessie Purvis, Edna Ruth Rea, Waudine Storey; *Georgia*, six: Ruth Cheves, Mary Etheridge, Dorothy Gunn, Madge Keagle, Priscilla Kelley, Evelyn Sanders; *South Carolina*, six: Louise Cozart, Sara Craddock, Maude Kay, Ida Morris, Bernice Prince, Miriam Thomas; *Missouri*, five: Virginia Bean, Jean Patrick Burks, Ruth Elder, Pauline Utterback, Margaret Young; *Alabama*, four: Sidney Cunningham, Margaret Speake, Helen Wright, Virginia Wyatt; *Virginia*, four: Helen Falls, Virginia Pucher, Sarah Poole, Jo Withauer; *Illinois*, three: Mrs. Edith Roberts, Amy Sherrick, Anna Taylor; *Oklahoma*, three: Ruth Heirich, Jack Keys, Pauline Sheriff; *Arkansas*, one: Pen Lile Comper; *District of Columbia*, one: Ruth Clark. In addition to these state groups three Margaret Fund students are with us: Theresa Anderson, Cora May Marriott and Sue Terry. From out side southern Baptist territory come Joy Chow from China, Rachel Colvin from California, and Mary Billings, Frances Coperhaver and Pearl Gifford from West Virginia.

The plans for the new building continue with enthusiasm. Members of the Building Committee have met regularly during the summer for conference with the architects. Suggestions and criticisms have been submitted and where they have contributed to economy and efficiency they have been incorporated in the developing plans. The landscape architect has been working with the building architect with reference to the location of the building and the general lay-out of the grounds. Beauty is being considered, therefore, along with economy and efficiency.

Fine reports are coming in from the states on the progress of the building fund campaign for the needed \$100,000. Encourage your organizations to contribute by ordering coin boxes from the Training School for members of the W.M.S. and Y.W.A. (5c each, 50c per dozen, \$4 per hundred) and "Foot of Dimes" holders from your state W.M.U. headquarters for your junior organizations.—Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn

CURRENT MISSIONARY EVENTS

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

Fortunate indeed are the Wake Forest Baptist Church in North Carolina and the students of Wake Forest College to have Dr. and Mrs. Everett Gill in their midst. Dr. Gill, who with Mrs. Gill was for a number of years a missionary to Italy and after that the able representative of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention on the continent of Europe in Spain, Jugoslavia, Rumania and Hungary, in the months to come will serve as supply pastor of the Wake Forest Baptist Church and Wake Forest College as chaplain.

Dr. D. G. Whittinghill, who for many years was director of our mission work in Italy, and Mrs. Whittinghill, the daughter of the late beloved pioneer missionary to Italy, since their retirement from active service are spending their time with their children in the United States.

According to its comparatively new policy in appointing secretaries to have supervision over the various great divisions of its work the Foreign Mission Board sometime ago appointed Dr. George W. Sadler secretary for Europe, Africa and the Near East. Dr. Sadler has recently visited the Near East—Palestine and Syria—to acquaint himself with the work there. At this writing he is somewhere in Europe for this same purpose. Having served as a missionary in Africa he will rejoice and they in Africa when he comes among them again.

At the June meeting of the Foreign Mission Board, Miss Willie Kate Baldwin of South Carolina was appointed a missionary to serve as a teacher in the Baptist Academy in Lagos, Nigeria, and of the five missionaries appointed to foreign service at the July meeting two will go to Nigeria, Africa, and one to Europe. Dr. and Mrs. Ray Northrip of Oklahoma go to Oghomosho where they will be connected with the Baptist hospital. Miss Pauline Brookes Willingham of Georgia, a niece of the late Dr. R. J. Willingham for years the

great secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, goes to take up work in Belgrade, Jugoslavia.

Those present at the Golden Jubilee meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union in Richmond in 1938 and at the meeting of the Baptist World Alliance in Atlanta this year will not soon forget our two African representatives, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ayorinde, and will be interested and pleased to know how well they are both improving their time in this country. Mr. Ayorinde will again this year be a student in the Virginia Union University, a standard four year college in Richmond for Negroes. He hopes to be able to get his B.A. degree sometime next year.

Mrs. Ayorinde will again attend the National Trade and Professional School for Negro women in Washington, D. C., Miss Nannie Burroughs principal. She is taking training in Bible, Home Economics, Christian Sociology and Music and last year received A in all her studies. Mr. Ayorinde is here through the generosity of the Nigerian W.M.U. while Mrs. Ayorinde's expenses to and from this country have been provided by Royal Service and the Virginia W.M.U. is taking care of her expenses while here.

One encouraging result of recent happenings in Europe is the binding together of the various nationalities of Jugoslavia in a new spirit of national unity but a cause for joy among the Baptist women of that country is the completion of the organization of a Woman's Missionary Union. Mrs. Earl Hester Trutza of the James Memorial School in Bucharest, Rumania, helped in the organization. Remember the date, May 29, 1939.

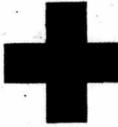
As this is being written according to the latest advices Baptists and all other dissenters from the Roman Catholic faith are to be denied the privilege of public worship in Spain. It will be remembered that the Vatican supported Franco in the recent Civil War.

"One of the best evidences of new hope and life in Rumania", writes our missionary Mr. Craighead, in *The Commission*, "is the effort of Baptists to form district associations". The whole of Rumania has been divided by the government into ten districts. In one of these, Suceava, has been formed the first Baptist district association in all Rumania.

"She hath wrought a good work".

It is the unanimous appraisal of loved ones and friends of Mrs. S. M. Sowell of Argentina, even as it is felt was the acclaim of Heaven when she entered its portals on August 18. Born in Brazil she inherited a missionary fervor from her distinguished parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Bagby. After graduation from her mother's alma mater at Belton, Texas, she went in 1903 to teach in the school as founded and directed by her mother at Sao Paulo, Brazil. Three years later she married Dr. Sowell and thus became a missionary at Buenos Aires, Argentina. The *Herald* of that city in paying tribute to her said: "Mrs. Sowell was constantly active in church work. Her efforts were characterized by a driving energy, a profound sincerity and a heart of unlimited sincerity". In all such work she was ever mindful of the enlistment of the women: deeply indebted is W.M.U. work for the spirit and service of Mrs. Sowell, even as it is to her mother for whom unusual sympathy is felt in this great added sorrow.



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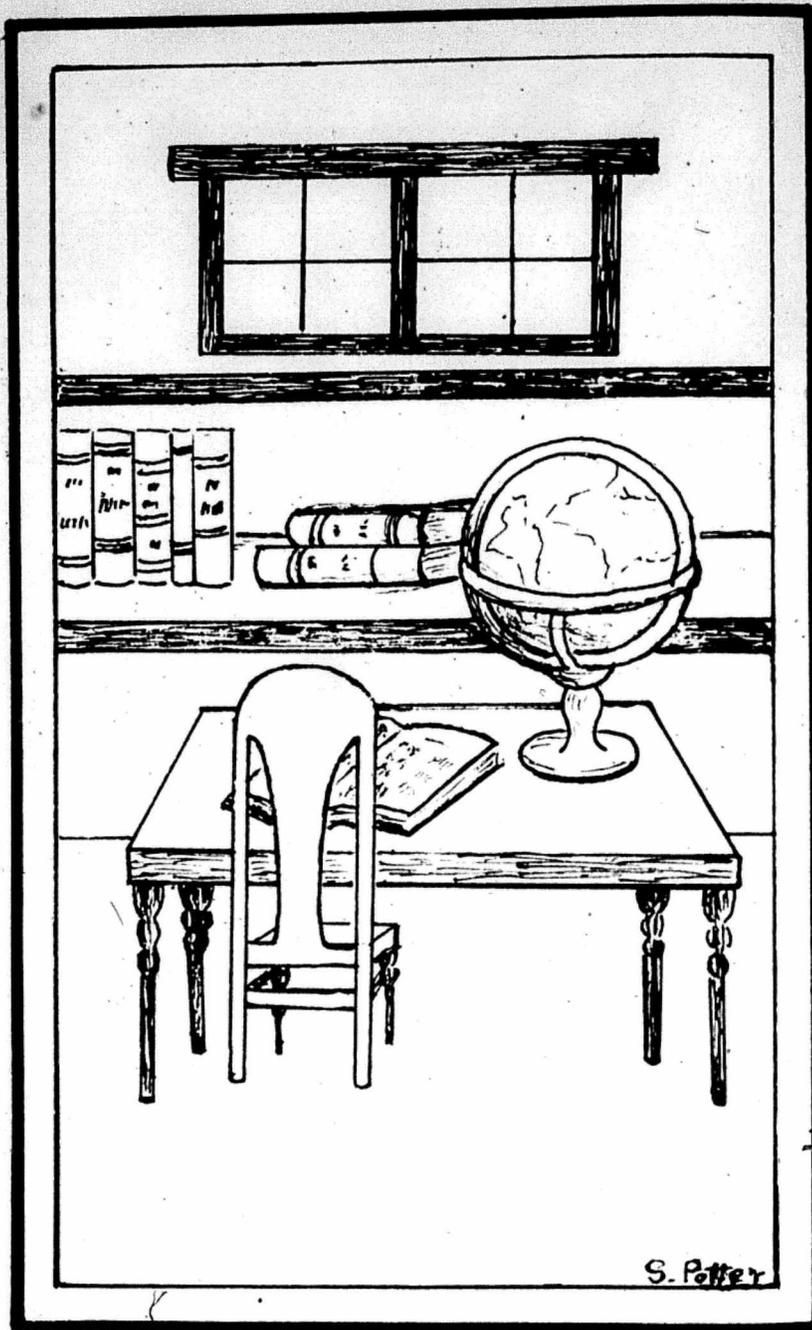
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The sketch herewith shown is a gift of Mrs. Sallie Lowrey Potter of Clinton, Miss., where she taught art in Hillman College. Because it graphically emphasizes the importance of world vision and because Mrs. Potter is a sister of Mrs. Janie Lowrey Graves whose very name is synonymous with Baptist work in Canton, it seems appropriate to mention in this connection the plan of Woman's Missionary Union that in November W.M.S. and Y.W.A. members study the book as discussed on pages 11-13 of this magazine. If your Y.W.A. or W.M.S. does not receive early in November its free copy of the book—"Constraining Love"—write your state W.M.U. office. Sincerest gratitude is expressed to its author and to the artist for this stimulating illustration.