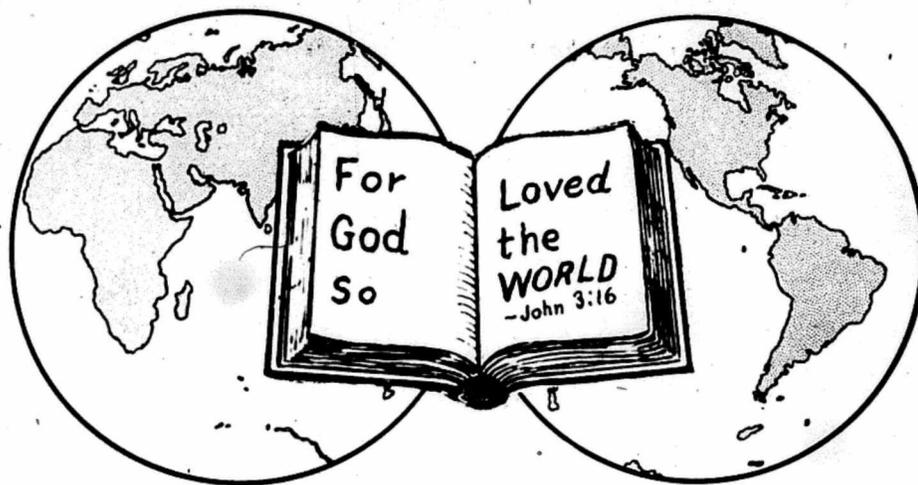


Royal Service



Even These Least

THE night was dark, and chill the wind
When the Stranger came to me
And asked for clothing for Himself,
And I ungraciously
Left the warmth of the cozy fire
And opened the closet door
To find an old and threadbare suit
That would be of use no more.
He thanked me then as I returned,
But I drew back, shamed and pale!
For the hand outstretched to take my gift
Had been torn by a cruel nail.

—Irene Morgan Phillips, N. C.

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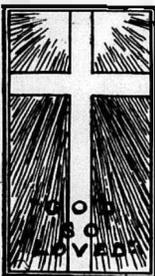
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EDITORIAL

"SHE HATH DONE WHAT SHE COULD"

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



No Bible story is more universally known and loved than that of the woman who brought to Jesus her most valued treasure—"an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard, very precious"—and breaking it poured it out upon Him. There were those who criticized, commenting on so extravagant an expression of love; but Jesus was pleased and said, "She hath done what she could".

Because the final month of the year completes the record of activities and gifts for our missionary organizations it is a time for sober thought and self-examination. Our organizational records are but the sum of the personal work and giving of individual members. As I am zealous and faithful the record for my society is improved; as I fail in my duty and responsibility, by that much does my society fail in meeting its opportunities and obligations. Therefore, the questions I now face become very personal. The books are soon to close. What have I done, what given? What can I yet do, what give? Will the record show that I have done what I can?

Are my gifts to missions an adequate expression of my devotion? The Cooperative Program is our denominational plan for steady support of its missionary enterprise. Woman's Missionary Union loyally sets the ideal of a 10 per cent increase in gifts to the Cooperative Program. Have I been faithful as a tither? Have I worked to enlist other women and young people thus to obey the law of the tithes? Have I in my personal giving and in my enlistment efforts done all that I can? Tithes and offerings: I have been told again and again that the weeks of prayer offerings are among the chief supports of foreign, home and state missions. Have I really given to these offerings of love, after we have prayed together for the causes, all that I can? Can I yet give more to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering than I had planned to give? *Christmas for Christ?* How will my gift compare to my gifts to friends and loved ones? I want my Lord to be pleased; I want Him to say, "She hath done what she could".

I read with sorrow that the payments to the Hundred Thousand Club have fallen behind those of other years. I have heard the slogan: "A Debtless Denomination by 1945". The only debt-paying plan is the Hundred Thousand Club. Have I paid my pledge? Have I enlisted at least one other member? Have I asked my circle, my society each to assume at least one membership? Have I done what I can?

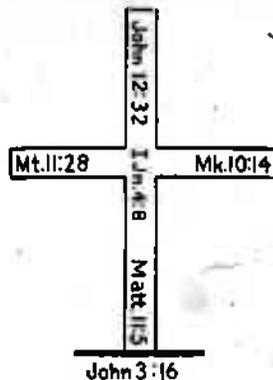
Are there women in my church who have not caught the vision of missionary conquest? Are there some who do not share with me the inspiration of study and regular programs? Have I done what I can to enlist them? Are there some ages of young people in my church for whom no auxiliary organization is yet provided? Are these young people to be deprived of the missionary teaching and training thus provided? Have I any responsibility? Have I done what I can to meet their need? Is there near me one of the more than 10,000 southern Baptist churches that has no missionary organization for women or young people? Have I talked to my society about it? Have I done what I can to stimulate interest and to help these women to share the hopes and aims of W.M.U.? Have I taken advantage of every opportunity to study missions? Have I looked about me to find personal service needs? Have I entered into the fellowship of prayer?

How great is your love and mine? How much can we do, how much give? Will our Lord say of you and of me, "She hath done what she could"?

SOUTHWIDE BAPTIST REVIVAL

ONE DID, the OTHER DID NOT

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



They were both busy housewives, and both were interested in the meetings at the little Baptist church. In response to the pastor's request they both with others came forward at the morning meeting and promised to do personal work, hoping to win some one to Jesus. At the night service one of the two, a very timid woman, went out into the audience to speak with a young woman who boarded in her home, and presently the decision and confession were made and joy was manifest.

The other of the two who made the promise came to the pastor after the service and said, "I just could not do it". His own opinion of the two as he had seen them in their homes was that this second woman could have gone with far greater ease and would have been much less embarrassed in her ability to talk to anyone. One did, the other

did not. One of the two won a soul to Jesus, the other did not even try.

A good Christian mother was greatly burdened for her son, who was one of those moral young men. Just as the Rich Young Ruler, he had refused when the pastor and the evangelist had sought during the afternoon to bring him to a surrender. At the night service the pastor said, "I wish you would go and speak to W. tonight". She showed great surprise and said, "I can't do it. I would break down". Said the pastor, "I think that is what he needs".

She probably heard none of the sermon, for tears were in her eyes and evidences of struggle were in her face. When the invitation was given, she went to her son, laid her trembling hand on his shoulder and did just as she said she would do—she broke down and, because of her emotion, was unable to speak. Finally she turned away and came back to her place in the pew next to the front and did not know that her son was following her until he passed her and came to the pastor in public confession.

Another earnest mother came to the pastor saying: "You hurt me to the heart when you urge us to help our children to come to Jesus and not to hinder them. My boy was concerned, and I discouraged him; now he will not come to church at all. He will bring me to the door, but I cannot induce him to enter".

Two boys stood in the church and trembled with conviction and indecision. One came to Christ that night and years after was pastor of Broadway Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky. In his own pulpit one night he said: "My boy friend was concerned, but his mother turned and said, 'Don't you go down there. You are not old enough to know what you are doing'. He did not go as I did. He went the other way to drink and to gambling; he murdered two men in the dens he visited. He is doing thirty-six years in the pen, and I am here as the pastor of this good and great church".

One did. The other did not. One tried. The other failed to make the effort. One helped. The other hindered. The one surrendered to Jesus. The other yielded to Satan. One mother won her son to Christ. The other did not. *Which? Which?? Which???*

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: My Responsibility for the Great Commission

"Arm of the Lord, awake, awake;
Put on Thy strength, the nations shake;
Now let the world, adoring, see,
Triumphs of mercy wrought by Thee.

"Declare His glory".

1st Day—Psa. 96; Isa. 42:1-9
2nd Day—Psa. 93; Isa. 40:1-8
3rd Day—Psa. 98; 107:1-9
4th Day—Psa. 9:1, 2, 7-11; Matt. 11:25-30
5th Day—1 John 4:11-21; Ezech. 33:10-16
6th Day—1 John 5:1-15; Isa. 55:1-13
7th Day—Matt. 16:27; 11 Pet. 3:8-15

"Thine is the . . . glory".

8th Day—Isa. 59:60:3; Matt. 11:16-24
9th Day—Hab. 2:1, 2, 14, 20; John 1:1-12
10th Day—Matt. 6:9-18; John 17:20-26
11th Day—Jas. 4:7-17; Matt. 13:44-46
12th Day—1 Pet. 3:12; 5:11; Matt. 13:1-9
13th Day—1 John 3:1-3, 6, 7-15;
Matt. 13:31-35
14th Day—1 John 4:1-9; Psa. 126:1-6

"Almighty God, Thy grace proclaim
Through every clime, of every name;
Let adverse powers before Thee fall
And crown the Savior Lord of all".

"Glory to God in the Highest!"

15th Day—Luke 2:13, 14; Gal. 6:1-10
16th Day—Luke 1:1-14; Gal. 5:22-26
17th Day—Luke 1:15-25; Eccl. 11:1-8
18th Day—Luke 1:26-39; Matt. 1:18-25
19th Day—Luke 1:40-56; Matt. 18:1-6
20th Day—Luke 1:57-80; Matt. 19:13-15
21st Day—Luke 2:1-19; Ex. 2:1-10

"A Light to Lighten the Gentiles"

22nd Day—Isa. 49:1-15; 1 Sam. 1:21-28
23rd Day—Rom. 14:7-13; Matt. 21:12-17
24th Day—Jer. 16:19-21; 31:34; Psa. 99:1-9
25th Day—Matt. 1:18-25; 13:54-58
26th Day—Matt. 2:1-15; 14:1-4
27th Day—Matt. 4:17-25; 15:29-31
28th Day—Mark 1:16-22; Luke 10:38-42
29th Day—Mark 6:1-12; 11:27-33
30th Day—Mark 6:13-23; Matt. 10:5-15
31st Day—Phil. 2:8-11; John 15:5-14

"Pray Ye"

Giving thanks that the Christmas angels proclaimed peace

Intercede that "the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall guard the hearts and thoughts" of Christians throughout the world.

Pray that Christians may be successful in teaching that "the Kingdom of God is righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit" and that "the mind of the Spirit is life and peace".

Intercede that Christians may "be at peace one with another, giving diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace".

Pray for all Christian missionaries, giving thanks that each of them "publisheth peace".

Intercede for Southwide Baptist Revival, realizing that each soul winner is "shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace".

Pray that the Dec. 4-8 Season of Prayer for Foreign Missions will be faithfully observed and that its \$200,000 goal will be far surpassed so that the feet of countless people may be guided "into the way of peace".



W.M.S. PROGRAM for WEEK of PRAYER

NOTE: The pages herewith used for the outline program of the first four days of the Week of Prayer are perforated, so that they may be easily detached for use in preparation for the week. All page references refer to W.M.S. Folder of Week of Prayer.

Program for MONDAY—December 4, 1939

SUBJECT—Progress of Baptist Work in Nigeria, Europe and Palestine-Syria

HYMN: "I Love to Tell the Story"

TALK (by President) Explanation of Week's Plans, Theme, Goal etc. (See pages 1-7, 39.)

APPEAL of FOREIGN MISSION BOARD (See page 8.)

PRAYER that members' love for world's salvation may be deepened by week's program

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PROGRESS in NIGERIA (See article by that title on page 11.)

USE of the NIGERIAN LAUNCH (See item on page 11.)

PRAYER for bearers of God's love among Nigerian people

Concerning SPAIN (See article by that title on page 11.)

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RUMANIAN BAPTIST WORK (See article by that title on page 13.)

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PRAYER for bearers of God's love among European people

—HYMN

MUCH ENCOURAGEMENT in JERUSALEM (See article by that title on page 15.)

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DOREEN HOSFORD OWENS (See biography on page 15.)

PRAYER for bearers of God's love among people of Palestine-Syria, also for week's offering

INGATHERING of Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

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—PRAYER

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ALL THIS MAY STILL BE TRUE (See article by that title on page 18.)

SEASON of PRAYER for China

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INTERIOR CHINA MISSION (See article by that title on page 23.)

PRAYER for bearers of God's love among people in interior China —HYMN

CHINESE SETTLEMENT of MANCHURIA (See article by that title on page 23.)

PRAYER for bearers of God's love among people in Manchuria and in all north China

SONGS in the NIGHT (See article by that title on page 24.)

PRAYER for bearers of God's love among people in central and south China, also for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

INGATHERING of Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

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W.M.U. HELP for JAPAN (See items on page 26.)

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CHILE (See article by that title on page 29.)

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A CHURCH SOCIAL in VALPARAISO, CHILE (See article by that title on page 30.)

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—PRAYER



Program for FRIDAY—December 8

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Hymn: "Joy to the World"

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INGATHERING the LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING



"We will now take the offering", announces the program chairman at the conclusion of the Day of Prayer, adding as if it were a matter of little concern: "If any of you did not know about the offering or forgot to bring along any spare change today, you can hand it in later". Ife trust that such an indifferent announcement is not typical of your society but that your program chairman is making careful plans that the ingathering of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering may be a joyful climax to a glorious week of interesting programs and earnest prayer. We offer several suggestions that, whatever method is followed, publicity should be given in advance if it is to be effectively

carried out.

Alabaster boxes may be placed in the hands of the members long before the Week of Prayer. Each circle adopts a goal and much fervent prayer is offered in advance. Young people's organizations use offering boxes in the same manner. The final ingathering may well be held at night and the entire church invited. A large Christmas tree, trimmed in white and with soft blue lights, occupies the center of the white-covered platform. Space beneath the tree is provided for the "white gifts".

The program may include Christmas carols, devotional message, appropriate words by the pastor, a missionary message from an outside speaker or an inspiring Christmas story told by a good reader etc. In the entire program world missions should receive major emphasis. At the conclusion of the program, lights are dimmed and only the soft glow from the tree shines upon the whiteness of the decorations. After a brief explanation, as quiet music is played, the president calls the names of circles and young people's organizations; their leaders in turn come forward each bearing a box wrapped in white, containing the amount contributed. Y.W.A. girls, dressed in white, then pass through the aisles with white baskets to accept the offering of any W.M.U. members who failed to give through their respective organization. The baskets are placed with the boxes beneath the tree. The doxology is sung as dismissal.

A second suggestion is to use an illuminated cross instead of a Christmas tree, each bulb representing a certain amount of the goal. The president and young people's director wear white and stand on either side of the cross. As each leader comes forward with her offering, the bulbs are tightened to represent the amount given by that group and, when all the gifts have been placed, the cross is ablaze with light. The choir sings in conclusion "The Light of the World Is Jesus".

A simpler service at the close of the Day of Prayer may be planned, using on a white-covered table a small tree or an illuminated cross as described above. On the wall have an attractive poster with the words, "The Wise Men brought their gifts and went away rejoicing". The placard, "Christmas for Christ" (10c from W.M.U. Literature Dept., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.), may also be effectively displayed.

Before this meeting let the members choose which object from the list each of them would want their Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to help, if it could be given to only one item. When the gifts are ingathered, each woman comes forward with her envelope and states the name of the missionary or the cause that she prefers. The closing prayer is one of petition that no object in the goal may have to be curtailed for lack of love gifts to support it but that every W.M.U. member may really make this a "Christmas for Christ" by giving of her best to the Master.—Miss Hannah E. Reynolds, La. W.M.U. Executive Secretary

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BIBLE STUDY



Ella Broadus Robertson, Kentucky

GOD'S GIFT of LOVE

Luke 2:10; I John 4:10; 2:2; Romans 8:32

THESSE latter references seem strange, to link with the Christmas story. Yet they tell why the Christ-child was born. It has been pointed out that in the Bible alone we find a religion which represents God as doing something about man's sin. Others recognize the wretchedness of sin and how it separates from God. But no fine-spun philosophizing, no bloody sacrifices can bridge that gap. A hand reached out from above is what the world needs. And God came all the way when "He loved us and sent His Son".

"Tidings of great joy, which shall be to all the people" (R. V.) This meant to the shepherds the people of Israel; and "a Savior, which is Christ the Lord"—that was the long-expected King. The Hebrew *Joshua* is the same name as the Greek *Jesus*, and the great leader who followed Moses was called by an old Jewish writer "a savior of his people". But the prophets had foreseen a wider Kingdom, because the need of salvation is universal. The Messiah of the chosen people was to be the Savior of the world.

What a world it is today! These lines are written as German bombs fall upon Poland, and as Great Britain and France declare war against Germany. Who can tell what the conflagration will be? These lines will be read as the birthday of the Prince of Peace draws near (*Is. 9:6*). Christ was born at an hour when there was peace in the whole Graeco-Roman world; and many a Christian prays that world peace may yet be a reality in our time and that wars may end forever. Meantime, we know two things: God, ruling above the nations, "is His own interpreter"; His spiritual Kingdom is a living reality, the glory and the task of every one of us.

Propitiation—it seems a stern word. Yet look how it is interwoven with *love*. The wonder of the manger at Bethlehem is not just incarnation but the redemption that lay beyond it. And that is not a cold matter of bookkeeping accomplished long ago, but a living, loving God, our Savior, who takes our sins upon Himself, who forgives and quickens and transforms those who come to Him, and says to them: "Love, as I have loved you". This does not mean being kind to each other! It means: "Go tell, go preach, go give yourself in service for your King, 'as I have loved you!'"

To me the most thrilling word I heard in Atlanta, at the meeting of the Baptist World Alliance, was this from a Chinese woman: "When this war is over, China will be open to the Gospel as never before; we could use a million missionaries!" We count our missionaries by hundreds, all the Mission Boards together perhaps by a few thousands. But the need is unlimited; the pressure is terrific; the time is short.

"Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
In living echoes of Thy tone;
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek
Thy erring children lost and lone!"

Calendar of Prayer

December, 1939

Prepared by Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona

THE LOW, bugles of battle, the marches of peace,
East, west, north and south let the long quarrel cease;
Sing the song of great joy that the angels began,
Sing of glory to God and of good will to man!
Hark, joining in chorus
The Heavens bend o'er us,
The dark night is ending, and dawn has begun.

—John Greenleaf Whittier

Topic: My Responsibility to the Great Commission

1—FRIDAY

Dr. Sadler, secretary for Africa, Europe and the Near East, and Mrs. Sadler (*Ann Leavis Maynard*)

The Lord our God will we serve, and His voice will we obey.—*Josh. 24:24*

2—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. George D. Kelsey, educational workers to their own Negro race, Atlanta, Georgia

The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole world.—*1 Chron. 16:9*

3—SUNDAY

That the Little Moon Christmas Offering may exceed the goal

Thou art the God that doest wonders.—*Ps. 117:14*

4—MONDAY

Faithful observance of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, Dec. 4-8 inclusive
Call unto Me, and I will answer thee and will shew thee great and mighty things.—*Jer. 33:3*

5—TUESDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Bryant (*Sarah Belle Alford*), evangelistic workers, Santiago, Chile
Purify all things, hold fast that which is good.—*1 Thess. 5:21*

6—WEDNESDAY

That the churches of S.B.C. may unite in praying for the extension of God's Kingdom in foreign lands
These all continued with one accord in prayer.—*Acts 1:14*

7—THURSDAY

Miss Ade Grayson, medical-evangelistic worker, Linyang, and Miss Mary Lucile Saunders, evangelistic worker, Soochow, China
With good will doing service as unto the Lord and not unto men.—*Eph. 6:7*

8—FRIDAY

That the Day of Prayer around the World, Dec. 6, may result in great glory to the Name of our God

O come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker!
—*Ps. 95:6*

9—SATURDAY

Mrs. E. F. Tsium (*Mona Hall*), emerita missionary from China

The Lord grant that ye may find rest!
—*Ruth 1:9*

10—SUNDAY

That brotherly love may prevail throughout the world

We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren.
—*1 John 3:14*

11—MONDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Lawton, Jr. (*Marion Ramsey*), evangelistic workers, Kaileng, China
Be ye also patient; establish your heart for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.—*1 Jas. 5:8*

12—TUESDAY

Mr. Pinedo, Candelaria, and Mr. Rodriguez, Arriete, Cuba, evangelistic workers
We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.—*Acts 4:20*

13—WEDNESDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Goldfinch (*Frances McCone*), evangelistic workers, Montevideo, Uruguay
The joy of the Lord is your strength.
—*Neh. 8:10*

14—THURSDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Tijerina, evangelistic workers among Mexicans, Raymondville, Texas
Put on the whole armor of God.
—*Eph. 6:11*

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15—FRIDAY

xx*Miss Alma Jackson, medical and nursing worker, Sao Paulo, Brazil
We can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth.—II Cor. 13:8

16—SATURDAY

Mr. Lopez and Mr. Perez, evangelistic workers, Caibarien, Cuba
God is able to make all grace abound unto you.—II Cor. 9:8

17—SUNDAY

That the Gospel of the Prince of Peace may be preached with power everywhere
All the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.—Isa. 52:10

18—MONDAY

Mr. and Mrs. McNealy (*Imogene Alexander*), evangelistic workers, Goyania, Brazil
Thou, O Lord, remainest forever: Thy throne from generation to generation.—Lam. 5:19

19—TUESDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Carrasco (*Celia G.*), evangelistic workers among Mexicans, Laredo, Texas
Unto you, therefore, which believe, He is precious.—I Pet. 2:7

20—WEDNESDAY

W.M.U. of Brazil
For we walk by faith.—II Cor. 5:7

21—THURSDAY

Dr. and Mrs. Cauthen (*Eloise Glass*), evangelistic workers, Hwanghsien, China
To preach the Gospel in the regions beyond.—II Cor. 10:16

22—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Tilley, educational workers to their own Negro race, Raleigh, N.C.
Strengthen them, O Lord, that which Thou hast wrought for us.—Psa. 68:28

23—SATURDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Mireless, Del Rio, and Mr. and Mrs. Ramirez, Lubbock, Texas, evangelistic workers among Mexicans
O Lord, to Thee will I cry.—Joel 1:10

24—SUNDAY

That Christ may be exalted in the Christmas celebrations in our Good Will Centers and Mission Sunday Schools
Make mention that His Name is exalted.—Isa. 12:4

25—MONDAY

Cessation from strife and hatred throughout the world
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.—Luke 2:14

26—TUESDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Linares, evangelistic workers among Mexicans, Marlin, Tex.
If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.—Gal. 5:25

27—WEDNESDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Ramsour (*Mabel Howard*), evangelistic workers, Fukuoka, Japan (in Tokyo for year of language study)
The Lord has chosen you to stand before Him, to serve Him.—II Chron. 29:11

28—THURSDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Wood (*Ora Smith*), evangelistic workers, Santiago, Chile
Stand fast in the Lord.—Phil. 4:1

29—FRIDAY

Missionaries detained in the homeland because of war abroad
The Lord is good to them that wait for Him, to the soul that seeketh.—Lam. 3:25

30—SATURDAY

Miss Florene Miller, educational evangelistic worker, Yokota, Japan
The Lord is my portion, saith my soul therefore will I hope in Him.—Lam. 3:24

31—SUNDAY

Faithful gleaming for the Lottie Moun Christmas Offering
Give . . . according to the blessing of the Lord thy God.—Deut. 10:17

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xOn Furlough



WHEN YOUR CIRCLE STUDIES "They of Italy"

many practical as well as interesting ideas will be found in the following suggestions as offered by Miss Willie Jean Stewart, whose review of the book will be found on page 34 of this magazine. To teachers of the book Miss Stewart now says:

Make souvenirs for each lesson, in the form of booklets in which each circle member may write two or three memorable facts gained from the day's study. For chapter one, these may be shaped like the map of Italy; for chapter two, like the W.M.U. pin; for chapter three, like a book ornamented with small pictures of Italian art treasures; for chapter four, like a ship bearing the date 1870, when southern Baptists began their work in Italy; for chapter five, like an open Bible, Italy's greatest need.

Open *lesson one* with a "Professor Quiz" feature, asking a question or two about each of the cities: Rome, Florence, Venice, Genoa, Milan, Bologna, Turin, Pisa. Assign each to a different member to study, locate on a large copy of the regional map and tell in two or three minutes of its contribution to world life. Give opportunity for any who have visited these cities to tell of their experiences. Sum up, briefly, Italy's geographical advantages, the composite nature of its civilization and its great contributions to world culture.

At the beginning of *lesson two*, let a member trace on a world map the course of the Gospel from Jerusalem to Rome and on to us. Ask another to tell of the early persecutions of Christians and their use of the catacombs. Note that the double fish head design used in the W.M.U. pin was a sign of recognition among these persecuted ones and is often found on the walls of the catacombs. Let another member report on the Waldenses, the sect most nearly like Baptists known to the history of the dark ages. Review, briefly, the political history of Italy, using material from the appendix about Mussolini. Close with a study of the laws concerning non-Catholic minorities and their evasions.

In *lesson three*, ask a young woman to impersonate a missionary just starting to Italy and to tell why she is going. Discuss sending missionaries to Catholic countries, bringing out the main features of Catholic organization and belief. Ask a member to tell about how errors crept into the original New Testament faith. Raise the question of whether or not Italy is Christian, asking two well prepared members to debate the question. Sum up Catholic contributions to culture, discussing also as fairly as possible Catholic practices.

In *lesson four*, develop southern Baptist contributions to Italy around four great personalities: Doctors Cote, Taylor and Whittinghill and Mrs. Whittinghill. Show Italian contribution to payment of our debts through proceeds from sale of Baptist property. Ask one member to tell of W.M.U. work in Italy and another of the theological school and publication work. On the map, prepared for lesson one, place a small cut-out church wherever there is a Baptist church today.

In *lesson five*, dramatize the difficulties believers face in Italy. Ask a member to tell the story of the champion boxer who became a Baptist pastor. Set out on posters the special needs of Italy. Discuss plans for the future of the work and how we may help.



Miss Inabelle Coleman, Virginia

SUGGESTIONS

Atmosphere—Decorate the Business Women's Circle assembly room with pine and candles. As members arrive give them a sprig of holly or mistletoe to which is attached a silver star, on one side of which the words of John 3:16 and on the opposite the words of the Great Commission are printed in gold ink. Christmas carols softly played on piano and violin will create an added spirit of worship.

Supplements—*The Commission* (Nov. and Dec. issues); the free tract, *Southern Baptists around the World*.

Poster—From *The Commission* and other Baptist periodicals and poster sheets, clip pictures of *Investments of Little Moon Christmas Offering*, paste on silver poster board and place it, between two candles in front of which is a white gift box, marked: *For Christ and His World*.

Presentation—On table in front of room place globe of world. Focus upon it the light of a very bright star. Then cover the star with black paper, so that no light falls on the world. Let the points of black paper-star be cut apart and only pinned together, so that as each speaker presents her discussion she may easily remove one black point until all five are removed, and the star shines brightly on the whole world. This blends with the finale of the program material (pages 18-27).

TOPIC: MY RESPONSIBILITY for the GREAT COMMISSION

The Music of the Star: Carols

Thanksgiving for the Star: Prayers of gratitude to God for giving us Jesus

The Angels' Message of the Star: Luke 2:8-20 (Also Page 12)

The Message of the Star: "Christmas" (Page 18)

The Poet's Dream of the Star: "Silent Night" (Quartet)

Silent Prayer

The Star's Point-One: "Christmas and the Great Commission" (Page 19)

The Star's Point-Two: "Southern Baptists and the Great Commission" (Page 20)

The Star's Point-Three: "My Church and the Great Commission" (Page 22)

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The Star's Point-Four: "Myself and the Great Commission" (Page 23)

The Star's Point-Five: "Christmas for the World" (Page 24)

The Light of the Star: "Joy to the World" and Benediction (Page 27)

The Sign—Since time began, humanity has asked for signs. Conscious of this God bade the Christmas angel to herald, "This shall be a sign unto you!" This sign was not a great mystic light, as the people of India would have or a code of morals as China would ask or a creed of pure philosophy satisfying the Greek minds and the pagan students of today. None of these are adequate for salvation.

In shop windows of pagan lands at this Christmas time there are beautiful Christmas trees, Santa Claus, greens, wreaths, colorful decorations. Even we Christians pause and say that these displays are signs of Christmas.

But the Christmas angel said: "This shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the Babe..." **The Sign** was a Babe, a fact, a person divine yet human, a Savior in whom man and God meet, even salvation, "for there is none other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved". All peoples who have not received this sign are lost.

The God-given sign of Christmas is the Savior Himself. His Great Commission bids us carry the news of this sign to every one to the ends of the earth. To respond is the sign that we are keeping Christmas in our hearts. "This shall be a sign unto you!"

(For the B.W.C. program for December Week of Prayer observance, please see page 10.) -16-



PROGRAM PLANS



Mrs. T. M. Pittman, North Carolina

With the PROGRAM COMMITTEE



Preparation for the December meeting should begin early. Posters should be made; one poster may bear the words: "Good tidings to all people"; the second: "Go, teach all nations"; a third: "Be witnesses unto Me". Below this last (which should be placed in the center) hang cards bearing the words: "Jerusalem", "Judea", "Samaria", "Uttermost Part".

Decorations of evergreens may be suitably placed around these posters, the whole room being made attractive for the meeting. Little souvenirs might be made and given the women as they arrive. From bright colored paper cut little shapes of bells, stars, candles and packages. Tie these to sprigs of evergreen and give to the women. Appropriate verses written on each little symbol would add to their value, also to the time taken to make them. The committee must decide.

These little symbols and verses will be better understood after the exercise is given, "Christmas for the World". This certainly should not be left out of the program. A globe will be needed or a geography opened to maps of the two hemispheres. The other emblems are easily secured. The whole exercise should be made impressive. (Pages 24-26)

The program leading up to the exercise must be brief. Remember that afternoons are short, dark comes early, children must be called in from play before it is too cold, Christmas plans are in the making. But urge the women to come prepared to stay through the meeting and not to make plans to do shop-

ping that afternoon. Minds cannot be fixed on a missionary program and on a Christmas shopping list at the same time. Both objects will suffer, so do not try it!

The program material should bear out the thoughts of the posters. The angels proclaimed the birth of Christ as "Good tidings to all people". Jesus' last words to His followers were: "Go teach all nations. . . . Ye shall be witnesses unto Me" etc. Thus the Gospel began and ended in a message to all the world.

Very clearly in her material Mrs. Crossman has given us the four divisions of our mission work—1. Jerusalem, My Church; 2. Judea, My State; 3. Samaria, My Country; 4. Uttermost Part, My World. These of course stand for 1. Work of the Local Church; 2. State Missions; 3. Home Missions; 4. Foreign Missions (pages 18-26).

The committee will not wish to make the program too cut and dried and too much like all other programs of a similar nature. The leader may ask for results in carrying out our Savior's last command. "What about Jerusalem?" Someone may respond with statements of work being done in evangelism, in giving etc. by the local church. "What about Judea?" Besides items in the material as given on pages 18-26, news of state missions may be given. "What news of Samaria?" (See pages 21-22 for home mission news.) "What word from the Uttermost Part?" Tell of foreign mission growth (pages 20-22). All these talks must be brief.

A prayer of confession should be offered in which forgiveness is asked for failures of southern Baptists—failures to give; failures to sacrifice selfish desires; failures to bear personal testimony; failures to enlist and organize; failures in our homeland; failures in foreign lands; failures in our own lives to carry out the Great Commission (pages 22-24). Let the prayer be simple and short with a pause after each expression of failure.

Follow this with the exercise, "Christmas for the World". May the spirit of Christmas which is the Spirit of the Christ fill our hearts, our holiday and our lives! (Pages 24-26)



PROGRAM for DECEMBER



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

Prepared by Mrs. C. D. Creasman, Tennessee

THEME for YEAR: The GREAT COMMISSION—OUR MISSION

TOPIC for MONTH: MY RESPONSIBILITY for the GREAT COMMISSION

Hymn—Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Bible Study—God's Great Gifts of Love—Luke 2:10; 1 John 4:10; 2:2; Romans 8:32 (Page 12)

Prayer thanking God for the great gifts of His love

Hymn—Silent Night

—Christmas

Christmas and the Great Commission

Southern Baptists and the Great Commission

My Church and the Great Commission

Prayer that my church and southern Baptists may be true to their missionary obligations

Myself and the Great Commission

—Watchword for the Year

Hymn for the Year

—Christmas for the World

Hymn—Joy to the World

—Benediction (Page 27)

CHRISTMAS

Christmas—the most joyous season of the year draws near!

Christmas—what a magic word it is to make glad the hearts of men!

Christmas—the season of joyous celebration toward which the whole year moves!

Christmas—the Golden Age come to earth for a short period of time!

Christmas—the earthly birthday of the Son of God!

Christmas! Christmas! Christmas!

Sweetest time I know!

Fills my heart with gladness,

Keeps me singing as I go!

All through this year we have been singing "I Love to Tell the Story". Surely we should love to tell the story of Christmas—the story of the coming of the Son of God to dwell among men! It is the story of a wonderful Babe, cradled in a manger; of an angel choir bringing good tidings; of shepherds hastening to a stable to find a new-born King; of a star guiding wise men from afar. It is a story of glory and peace and good-will, a story of love, joy, hope and salvation. It is the sweetest story ever told.

At the beginning of this our program of the Christmas month, let us ask ourselves these questions: "Will the story of the Christ Child have central place in our Christmas? Will we give Christ first place in this Christmas? On that first Christmas Jesus was crowded out of the inn—there was no room there for Him: will we crowd Him out of our lives on this His birthday? Will we be so busy with

our shopping, our exchange of gifts, our decorating of Christmas trees, our preparation for Christmas feasting, our rehearsing of Christmas music and pageants that we will have no time to worship the Christ Child? Will we spend so much on gifts for family and friends that we will have no money left for a gift for Him whose birthday we celebrate?" The study of the program we have today will help us to see how we can give Christ first place in our Christmas.

Christmas—let us, like the shepherds, make it a time of worship of the Christ Child.

Christmas—let us, like the wise men, make it a time for giving to Jesus our best gifts.

Christmas—unlike the innkeeper, let us make room in the Inn of Our Hearts for the Christmas King.

Lord, make my heart thine inn!

Wide-open door;

Clean rushes on the floor;

Each lamp well trimmed and burning bright,

My table set for Thee on Christmas night—

No manger now awaits, if Thou wilt come

To grace this home!

All, all is Thine,

O Guest divine,

Lord, enter in!

—Henry Hallum Tweedy

CHRISTMAS and the GREAT COMMISSION

ALL through this year our program study has been based on the Great Commission. We have connected with this last command of our Lord our W.M.U. chief aims and southern Baptist mission work on home and foreign fields. Now we come to December, the month when our thoughts and interests are centered in Christmas. Surely it is fitting that we should in this month's program consider the connection between Christmas and the Great Commission. Christmas is the celebration of the beginning of the earthly life of Jesus; the Great Commission came at its end. Between them lies the most important period of the world's history—the thirty-three years when the Son of God lived and walked among men. Between Bethlehem and the Great Commission came the flight into Egypt, the childhood years in Nazareth, the boyhood visit to Jerusalem, the years when a young man worked in a carpenter shop at Nazareth, the baptism in Jordan, three wonderful years of public ministry with their uncounted miracles and teachings such as man never taught before, then Gethsemane, Calvary and an open tomb. Yes, many wonderful things happened between the time when angels brought tidings of the birth of Jesus to shepherds on a Bethlehem hill and when the risen Lord spoke the words of the Great Commission on a Galilean hill. And yet Christmas and the Great Commission are close together in their meaning and in their message to the followers of Jesus. Bethlehem and Galilee are not far apart in their missionary significance.

Christmas is missionary—let us never forget it! There are those who appropriate all the joys of Christmas with never a thought of its real meaning for a lost and sinful world. There are those who throng the streets buying Christmas gifts without a thought of Him who came as God's gift to the whole world. There are those who light candles on Christmas trees, never thinking of Him who came as the light of the world. There are those who feast and frolic without thinking of shar-

ing Christmas joys with earth's sorrowing people. But we, who know the Christmas Child as Lord and King and understand the deep meaning of His coming, must connect Christmas with world-wide missions.

The coming of Jesus was missionary—God so loving that He sent His Son "that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life". Gentile as well as Jewish blood flowed in His veins, thus connecting Him with those of all races. The angels that brought glad tidings of His birth included all people in their message. Not only humble Judean shepherds, but also wise men from the east came to worship Him. Thus did the events of His birth proclaim Him as a universal Savior, belonging to the whole world.

So we see that the message of Christmas and of the Great Commission is the same. From Bethlehem and from Galilee come glad tidings for all people. The light that shines from the face of the manger Babe shines also from the face of the risen Lord as He says, "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations". The "all people" of the angels' song is the same as the "all nations" of the Great Commission.

As we go into the blessed Christmas season with all its festivities and merriment let us not forget the golden thread of world-wide missions that connects Christmas with the Great Commission. Let us realize that the best way to worship the Christ Child is to obey the last command of the risen Lord. Let us join the angels' Christmas song as we go to all nations preaching the Gospel. Let us share in the Christmas gifts of the wise men by making large gifts to missions. Let us follow this golden line of world-wide evangelism as it leads us into all the world to share Christmas joys with all people.

Christmas is not ours to keep
But ours to gladly share,
Until the blessings Christmas brings
Are scattered everywhere.

Let's tell the story far and near,
Till those of every nation
Shall know about the Christmas King
Who brought for all salvation.



SOUTHERN BAPTISTS and the GREAT COMMISSION

AFTER a year's study of how southern Baptists are obeying the Great Commission we come to ask the important question: Are southern Baptists carrying out the Great Commission on a scale that is acceptable to our Savior King? First, let us take a brief review of the missionary work of southern Baptists. We remember that from its beginning, almost a hundred years ago, the Southern Baptist Convention has maintained two great mission boards—one for home and one for foreign missions.

Today our Foreign Mission Board has work in fourteen countries, where over four hundred missionaries serve. A total of 1794 churches have been organized, with a membership of over 200,000. In these lands we have splendid schools, hospitals and publishing houses, all of which are valuable evangelizing agencies. For this work southern Baptists gave last year \$1,038,326.87. Last year 16,207 were won to Christ through our foreign mission work.

We can rejoice because in these mission lands the cause of Christ is growing more powerful every day. In Brazil the Baptists are a recognized denomination of strength and influence. In China the Baptist constituency grows larger every

year, and many leaders of the nation are members of Baptist churches. In Japan, where there are few Baptists, their influence far outweighs their numerical strength. In all of our European lands the Baptists are yearly growing in numbers and in influence. Certainly this view of southern Baptist foreign mission work encourages our hearts—and makes us feel that we are obeying the Great Commission in foreign lands in a marvelous way.

A view of our home mission work is just as encouraging. In the years since our Home Board was organized we have had a total of 44,000 missionaries working on home mission fields. These have baptized a total of 865,000. Today we have 371 missionaries working in 756 mission stations. Last year 3835 were received into the fellowship of Baptist churches through our home mission work. Southern Baptists gave to the cause of home missions last year \$513,841.

Besides this work done by our Foreign and Home Mission Boards, we need to remember that the Baptists of our 18 states are doing splendid state mission work. A large force of state missionaries are winning many to Christ every year. We must remember, too, that through the Cooperative Program we are caring for a large number of old ministers; supporting 18 orphanages, in which we care for over 4000 children; supporting 67 Baptist schools, in which are over 26,000 students; and operating 20 hospitals in which were treated last year 92,000 patients.

Then, we must add to this the work done by the local churches in their own communities. There are 24,932 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention with a membership of almost five million. These baptized last year 256,814. They gave last year a total of \$35,256,340 to all causes, of which \$5,798,529 went to benevolent and missionary causes. Truly these are wonderful thoughts for Christmas and make us rejoice because southern Baptists are honoring the Christ Child by obeying the Great Commission in a great way.

But, there is another side to this picture—a dark side, which if we are honest must be faced. Southern Baptists are doing much, but are they doing all they should do to obey the Great Commission? Let us face the facts, most of which we have been facing in the study of this year's programs but which need to be considered again, at this Christmas season, when we are hearing the "all people" of the Christmas message joined with the "all nations" of the Great Commission.

Southern Baptists gave to all causes last year in round numbers thirty-five million dollars. This sounds like a large sum, but we must remember that there are nearly five million southern Baptists, which means that we gave only \$7.40 per capita. A little less than six million of our total gifts went to benevolent and missionary cause: which means that we gave only \$1.27 per capita for the great work of spreading the Gospel throughout the world. *Is that obeying the Great Commission as we should?*

Southern Baptists spend more for Sunday joy-rides than they give to missions. Southern Baptist men spend more for tobacco than they give to all Kingdom work. Southern Baptist women spend more on cosmetics, beauty parlors and jewelry than all southern Baptists give for all causes at home and abroad. *Is this obeying the Great Commission as we should?*

Southern Baptists report a total of 256,814 baptisms last year, which was one baptism for 18.5 church members. In other words it took almost 19 southern Baptists to win each saved one to Christ. We are told that that is one of the best records in modern times, but again we raise the question: *Is that obeying the Great Commission as we should?*

We have 38,597 W.M.U. organizations in our churches, but there are 10,000 churches without missionary societies. In our W.M.U. organizations are over 715,000 members, which is not one-fourth of the women and young people in our

Baptist churches. That means that seventy-five per cent of the women of our churches are having no part in the work which the Woman's Missionary Union is doing for world evangelism. *Is that obeying the Great Commission as we should?*

In the southland live about twenty-four million unchurched people. Ten million of these are Negroes; 200,000 of them are Indians; 500,000 of them are Jews; about five million of them are either foreign-born or children of foreign-born parents. There are two million people in Cuba. Among all of these and other needy home mission groups we have less than four hundred missionaries. *Is that obeying the Great Commission as we should?*

In our foreign mission lands are about ninety million people, most of whom are without Christ. That means that each one of our foreign missionaries is responsible for over 200,000 people. *Is that obeying the Great Commission as we should?*

Surely these statistics are enough to bring us serious thought. While the Christmas angels sing good tidings to all people and while the "all nations" of Christ's last command rings in our ears, we need to face the fact that southern Baptists are carrying out the Great Commission on a very small scale. *Is it your fault? Is it mine?*

MY CHURCH and the GREAT COMMISSION

THE Southern Baptist Convention is made up of churches, therefore the churches are responsible for what the Southern Baptist Convention does or does not do. The Southern Baptist Convention can obey the Great Commission only as the churches obey it, so the next questions for each of us to ask are: "What is my church doing to obey the Great Commission? Is my church true to its missionary obligation?"

Certainly, many who use this program realize that their churches are not doing all they should do to carry out the Great Commission. There are few if any churches in the Southern Baptist Convention that are measuring up to their full missionary opportunity and responsibility. So let us consider some things which a church can do to aid in its missionary activities.

Every church should *organize* for missions. That means that every church should include among its organizations those that are distinctively missionary—the Baptist Brotherhood for men and the Woman's Missionary Union for women and young people. These are the organizations that are committed to the one task of teaching missions and leading their members to participate in missionary giving, serving and praying. Therefore these organizations will help any church to be true to its missionary obligations.

Every church should *teach* missions. The pastor should teach missions from the pulpit. Sunday school teachers should teach the missionary message of the Sunday school lessons; the Baptist Training Union should make the most of the teaching opportunities offered by missionary programs and missionary books in the study course. The Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood should function faithfully in their special task of teaching missions to the church constituency. A church that teaches missions will be found obeying the Great Commission.

Every church should *give* to missions. It should be the ultimate aim of every church to give as much to missionary causes as it spends on its own local work. Of course many small, weak churches cannot reach this ideal at once. Indeed many are still mission churches, depending on outside help for their own support. But it is also true that many large, strong churches are spending large sums on new buildings, on salaries for paid workers, on expensive artists for the music and on other local expenses, while comparatively small sums are given to the Co-

operative Program. Of course each church must keep up its own local work and the desire for beautiful and well equipped buildings and for everything that will increase the effectiveness of the local work is to be commended. But these things should not be paid for at the expense of the missionary offerings. Churches that, while paying for a new building, are faithful in their gifts to missions are the ones that pay their debts the quickest and grow the fastest. Churches that give as much to pay salaries of missionaries as they pay on salaries for their own work are the ones apt to have the most spiritual power. How we do need more churches with a conscience on this matter of giving to missions!

Every church should be missionary in its own local field. Around each church is a mission field. Around each church are people who need to be reached with the Gospel. These are included in the "all people" of the Christmas message. No church can claim to obey the Great Commission that is not doing its utmost to win to Christ the lost ones in its own territory.

These are some of the things which must be included in the program of the church that is obeying the Great Commission. If every church would be true to its missionary obligation our missionary contributions would be multiplied many fold, we would have many more missionaries on every field, and the churches themselves would grow in numbers and in spiritual strength.

MYSELF and the GREAT COMMISSION

A LITTLE GIRL and her mother sat and listened while a preacher told the Christmas story. As he emphasized the phrase "to all people" the little girl whispered: "O Mother, he means us!" How glorious it is that the Christmas message includes you and me and everyone—that Jesus came to each of us! But we must remember that the Great Commission also is an individual matter. That command was given to you and to me and to every Christian. Each one of us has a responsibility to obey it that cannot be shifted to any others.

We have seen that southern Baptists are not obeying the Great Commission as they should. We have seen that our church is not measuring up to its missionary obligation. Now each of us must face these questions: "Am I doing my best to obey the Great Commission? Am I in any way responsible for my church's failure to be true to its missionary obligation? Am I responsible for southern Baptists' limited program in carrying out the Great Commission? What is the measure of my own missionary obedience? Do I need to rearrange my living and my giving in the light of the Great Commission?"

Of course these are questions which each Baptist must answer for himself. Even we who are members of the missionary society, and who are studying constantly about missions, need to face these questions and answer them in our hearts. Christmas is a good time for heart searching. Christmas is love time, when we are thinking of the love of God in sending His Son into the world and of the love of Jesus in coming to save us from our sins. Such love constrains us to love Him, and the best expression of that love is obedience to His commands.

I seem to hear Christmas calling, calling to my own heart. It seems to be saying to me, "You must obey the Great Commission". I remember that I should bring to Jesus at Christmas, and at all times, the gift of my *substance*. Every week I should place in His treasury my tithe. Then at Christmas I should lay at His feet a special offering as an expression of my devotion to Him. Surely I would not give more to any of my family or friends than I give to my Lord on His birthday.

"Candles, jewels, perfumes,
What are they,
That should His Christmas
Offering so outweigh!"

I should bring to the Christmas King the gift of my *service*. I must not only give money that others may go to all nations, but I must go myself with the news of salvation to all within my reach. I may teach a Sunday school class. I may sponsor a B.T.U. I may lead a W.M.U. young people's organization. I may visit the sick and lonely. I may comfort the sorrowing. I may tell the lost about Jesus the Savior.

The things that the Lord would have me do,
The gift of my *service* sweet,
I bring at this happy Christmas time,
To lay at the Christ Child's feet.

Most important of all, I should bring to the Christmas King the gift of self. I would give my life, my all to Him who gave His all to me on Calvary. I would lay the gift of my heart at the feet of Him who so loved me that He gave up the joys of Heaven to come to earth to die for me.

"The wise men from the east adored
The Infant Jesus as their Lord,
Brought gifts to Him, their King.
Jesus, grant us Thy light that we
The way may find and unto Thee
Our hearts, our all, a tribute bring".

CHRISTMAS for the WORLD

(This may be given as a simple pageant with the characters wearing robes and appearing from behind scenes. Or it can be given very simply, the part of the world being taken by the leader as she informally places the globe on the table, and the other speakers coming from the audience, carrying the emblems suggested.)

The World (Comes to platform and sets a large globe on table in center and stands just back of it as she speaks)—What a dreary old world this would be without Christmas! There would be no sweet carols, no merrily ringing bells, no stockings hung by the fireside, no tree shining with lights, no wreaths hanging on the doors, no candles in the windows. More than that, there would be no churches, no hymn books and no New Testament. There would be prisons but no churches; there would be sick people but no hospitals; there would be hungry children but no orphanages. The world would be a dark, dreary, sinful place without Christmas. (One carrying a large Christmas bell enters and stands to left side of *World*.)

Christmas Bells—Christmas brings bells to ring out good tidings telling the world of the coming of the Christ Child. "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people: for there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord".

"I heard a bell ring far away,
The happy bell of Christmas day;
Soon other bells took up the chime,
Till all the world rose, glad and gay
To tell the world of Christmas time".



Soloist—(Sings first verse of "Joy to the World". One carrying a star comes to platform.)

Christmas Star—Christmas brings a star to dispel the world's darkness. "The dayspring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet in the way of peace". This star shines with a light of love.

"Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, love divine.
Love was born at Christmas;
Star and angels gave the sign".

This star shines with the light of peace. How wonderful if its light could shine on all earth's war-stricken peoples today!

Christmas Light and Christmas Joy,
Bursting forth from out a star,
Prompting song and praise and worship
From those Wise Men there afar,
Shine supreme and all victorious
O'er this world of heart torn strife;
Set every soul, Thou Star, on fire,
With an everlasting life!

—Gwynn McLendon

Soloist—(Sings first verse of "The Light of the World Is Jesus". One carrying a lighted candle comes to platform.)

Christmas Candles—Christmas brings candles to shine in our windows and on our Christmas trees. These candles not only tell the story again of the light that came into the world with Jesus, but they also suggest that those who have that light can share it with others. "Arise, shine, for thy light is come. . . . Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in Heaven".

"We will touch the taper of our hearts
To the flame of an ardent star
And set the light to burn a path
Where shadowed places are.

"And some who never lift their eyes
To the star that floods the night
May find the way to Bethlehem
By our friendly taper's light".

Soloist—(Sings last verse of "Silent Night". One bearing a Christmas package comes to the platform.)

Christmas Gifts—Christmas brings to the world gifts. The first Christmas brought the gift of God's Son. "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift!"

At Christmas time a blessed gift
Is waiting everyone,
For God would give to each of us
The gift of His dear Son.

The wise men who came from afar to find the new born King brought gifts as a token of their worship. "And opening their treasures they offered unto Him gifts—gold and frankincense and myrrh".

'Tis a story of wondrous beauty,
 The story of men of old,
 Who came to a new-born Savior
 With frankincense, myrrh and gold;
 They came o'er a desert weary,
 O eager their tireless quest,
 And when they had reached His city
 They gave to the King their best.

Like them we may seek our Monarch,
 For lo, He is never far,
 And ever above our pathway
 The light of His guiding star.
 Like them we may kneel adoring
 And worship where He finds rest,
 Like them on His blessed birthday
 We may give to the King our best.

—Elsie Duncan Yale

Soloist—(Sings first verse of "O Come, All Ye Faithful". One carrying a wreath of evergreens comes to platform.)

Christmas Evergreens—Christmas brings the gift of evergreens. Surely these wreaths and garlands which we use at Christmas time, always green and fresh, suggest the thought of everlasting life. The Bethlehem Babe came to bring to all men the opportunity of life eternal. He was promised as one who would save His people from their sins. In Him is salvation. In Him is everlasting life.

All hope of life eternal
 Is promised in His birth;
 For the Baby in the manger
 Is the Savior of the earth.

Soloist—(Sings third verse of "Joy to the World".)

The World—Wonderful are the blessings which Christmas brings to the world. And yet a large part of the world cannot claim these blessings. There are millions and millions of people who have never heard of the Christmas King. For them the world is without Christmas. There are other millions who celebrate Christmas and yet who have not accepted the Christmas King as Lord and Savior. For them, too, the world is without Christmas. (One carrying a placard on which is printed the word "Go" comes to platform.)

The Great Commission—Jesus, in the Great Commission, commands us to go and take Christmas to all people. We should hang the evergreen wreath of His everlasting life upon the door of every nation. We should carry the gift of His love to all people. We should light the candle of His grace in every heart. We should set the star of His peace and joy to shine in every dark sky. We should ring the Christmas bells of salvation around the world until His Kingdom shall come to earth's remotest bounds.

"All hail the coming of the King,
 The Fairest of the fair;
 To Him our hearts their praise shall bring
 His glory to declare:
 His Kingdom all the worlds shall own,
 To earth's remotest bound,
 And every heart become His throne,
 Wherever man is found".



Soloist—(Leads congregation in singing last verse of "Joy to the World".)

BENEDICTION

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

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

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

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Discuss the connection between the Great Commission and Christmas.
2. Mention the things connected with the birth of Jesus indicating His world-wide mission.
3. Tell of how southern Baptists are carrying out the Great Commission.
4. Do you think that southern Baptists are carrying out the Great Commission on a scale that is acceptable to Jesus?
5. Is our church measuring up to its missionary obligation?
6. Mention some things which our church can do to make it more missionary.
7. Am I obeying the Great Commission as I should?
8. Discuss the importance of the individual in Christ's missionary program for the world.
9. Do Christians keep Christmas in the Christian spirit?
10. How may we put more of Christ into our Christmas?

REFERENCE MATERIAL

World Comrades —The Window of Y.W.A.
 Southern Baptist Home Missions —The Commission
 State Baptist Papers
 Southern Baptist Handbook for 1939 Dr. E. P. Alldredge



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OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



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

A CHRISTMAS TREE of PLANS



Since December is the final month of the year in addition to bringing us Christmas, perhaps we can think of the December activities of an alert W.M.U. director or of devoted counselors, as the trimming for a Christmas tree full of happy plans preparatory to a gracious New Year. First, of course, will be the observance of the Season of Prayer. Last December 11,726 of the 26,271 shared in this privilege of united prayer and generous giving. Programs were sent to every one of the 26,271 organizations: wasn't it heedless to receive the program and do nothing at all about using it? The greater loss came to the life experience of the young people, of course. This year be sure you have the program, sent from your state W.M.U. headquarters, at hand and use it well. Arrange for every member to share in the offering. Do not be satisfied with just one ingathering service. Let the envelopes be marked with names of members and see that all are returned with some gift. No child, whatever his circumstances, should be denied the joy of giving though the counselor must arrange for each to be able to have something to give. Think carefully and know intelligently about the objects to which the Foreign Mission Board wishes to devote the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. It is suggested that as many of the young people's organizations as possible meet on Friday, December 8, the Day of Prayer around the World. Telling children and youth about this day will enlarge their sympathies and understanding of world missions.

Being the last month of 1939, you will need new Standard of Excellence wall charts. So the Christmas tree reminds you to order them from W.M.U. Litera-

ture Dept., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala., in ample time for presentation in January.

If you have not studied it recently or if many new members will be promoted or added to the membership of your organization now, order the manual of your organization and be ready for a mission study course in it. The new officers, committee chairmen and members will all work together better following such a study. Manuals are 10c each from W.M.U. Literature Dept.

Use the attractive Promotion Certificates which are supplied to you on request, free from your state W.M.U. headquarters. Suggestions for a promotion service are in your 1939 W.M.U. Year Book.

On this Christmas tree put G.A. Guide and R.A. Guide for Counselors, price 25c each from W.M.U. Literature Dept. Don't handicap your counselors by letting them stumble along without these helps.

Again, hang on the tree more enthusiastic sollicitation of subscriptions for *World Comrades* and *The Window of Y.W.A.* The more our children and young people read these magazines the more eager they will become to tell all the world the message of Christmas. With world conditions as they are, these magazines are the best possible Christmas gifts: many toys will seem unsympathetic with circumstances in other lands, but *World Comrades* and *The Window of Y.W.A.* will bring lasting pleasure for a whole year (\$1 each) and will be in keeping with the spirit of "Christmas for Christ". Mothers or aunts would be grateful for the Christmas suggestion; so do not neglect making it in W.M.S. meeting, on posters, in all publicity ways possible. (See page 34.)

On the Christmas tree will you find an A-1 record? Then plan to put it there during 1940 as your gift of love to the Lord of Christmas.



COLLEGE Y. W. A.



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

CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITIES



Christmas is often a difficult time for college students. Some are too far away from home to have time or money to make the trip. Dormitory doors may swing shut; will your fostering W.M.S. see that missionary daughters or far-from-home students in your Ann Hasseltine Y.W.A. have a happy homey place to stay? And even if the dormitory remains open will you see that they have some home experiences this Christmas? Let them help trim the trees, wrap presents, go on personal service expeditions to deliver baskets, join a family circle for Christmas dinner. Christmas is the time for showing the traditional southern hospitality to every single one near you in college. Don't wait until Christmas is over to discover someone needed an invitation which your society could have arranged for so easily, "if I had only known". Find out with accuracy before the time for regrets comes.

When college students are at home again let them have opportunity to bring new enthusiasm to the home Y.W.A. and G.A. and R.A. They have been meeting denominational leaders, missionaries, students from other lands on the campus and will have much to tell of interest and value to those who have been busy at home. They will have new merry recreational songs to teach, and new hymns they have been singing in chapel to introduce. Sharing will help both the holiday visitors and the stay-at-homes.

The W.M.S. with a Grace McBride Y.W.A. will try to make some special Christmas plans for these faithful nurses

who must stay "on duty" through the holidays. Consult with the superintendent of the hospital or the director of the nurses to see what plans the hospital is making and learn how you can supplement them. A few hours off duty could be spent in a home or devoted to helping deliver Christmas baskets, and the nurses would feel that Christmas had really been Christmas after all. Help the nurses as they plan for Christmas in the hospital for there will be some patients who cannot go home and need merriment and Christmas cheer to bring a Christmas blessing to their hearts.

Ann Hasseltine and Grace McBride Y.W.A.'s are guided by the school or class term rather than by the calendar year, so their standard charts and general activities are not altered by the arrival of December 31. But the spirit of Christmas should bring a rejuvenation of Christian zeal which would stimulate finer work for Christ as December rolls into January. Some new students will come in "after Christmas" and enlistment committees should be eagerly ready to greet and welcome them at once. While the record is written for 1939 by all other Y.W.A.'s, your Ann Hasseltine and Grace McBride organizations are just about at the half-way mark of achievement. Consider well your progress and rally at once to make the 1940 half of your September to May activities far superior to the 1939 half.

Missionary activity in hospital and in college is difficult but the spirit of Christ yearns for these young women especially to seek His Kingdom interests first. Now at Christmas when hearts are wide open capture them with missionary zeal for Him.



TRAINING SCHOOL



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

FOUNDERS' DAY at the TRAINING SCHOOL



It is always with a keen sense of awe and humility that we do honor to the founders of any institution, for we are conscious of the fact that we are commemorating the lives of those who had a great vision and who, through work and perseverance, brought that dream into tangible form. So it was on the afternoon of October 2, 1939, that the thirty-second anniversary of the founding of Woman's Missionary Union Training School was celebrated.

Miss Juliette Mather, young people's secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, led the opening prayer after the congregation had sung "O God Our Help in Ages Past". Thus our minds and hearts were lifted to the Founder of the universe, in whom all ideas for good have their origin.

Miss Littlejohn, principal of the school, in introducing the speaker explained the selection of the five founders. She stated that, since there were various groups of women who had a definite part in the founding of the School, it was decided that one woman should be selected, representative of each group. Thus Mrs. George B. Eager and Mrs. S. E. Woody were selected to serve as representatives of the women of Louisville. For the Baptist women of the state of Kentucky, Miss Eliza S. Broadus was selected; Miss Broadus, as chairman of the Central Committee, did much to interest the women of Kentucky in this new venture. Miss Fannie E. S. Heck was selected, for it was while she was serving as president of the Woman's Missionary Union that she led this organization to adopt the School. Finally, Mrs. Maud R. McLure completed the group because of her pioneer service as first principal of the School.

Miss Littlejohn then presented the speaker for the afternoon, Mrs. Wesley N. Jones of Raleigh, North Carolina, who made the address on the life of Miss Fannie E. S. Heck. One of the few women still living who knew Miss Heck intimately, Mrs. Jones gave to the group a beautiful sketch of Miss Heck's life, emphasizing her warm, out-reaching personality rather than giving a record of the accomplishments of this great North Carolinian, whose name has become dear to the hearts of all Baptist women of the world, for it was during her lifetime that a Woman's Missionary Union was established in every foreign nation in which southern Baptists have mission work.

Mrs. Jones told of the charming Heck home in Raleigh, which was a fine influence for gracious, Christian living to all who were privileged to enter. Early in her life Miss Heck asserted her individuality and honesty by refusing to join the church at the usual time for the children of her family to take this step; she waited until she had cleared up all doubts in her mind and then made a profession of faith and consecrated her life to God, never erring from her consecration from that day onward.

Miss Heck's faithful service in the face of numerous handicaps was an inspiring trail, for she recognized her limitations and then, led by God, sought to overcome them. She had a remarkable sense of recognizing ability in others and acted on this all of her life, drawing them into service to perform the duties for which they were best suited.

But perhaps the real secret of her success was her genuine desire to interest young and old in the work of the Kingdom. Dr. Truett has said, "A great purpose makes a life great". Thus it was in the life of this great leader, who clung tenaciously to her purpose and made it the center of her life so that, even as her life was drawing to a close, she could still think about what would happen in the future to the W.M.U. Training School. Once she had come to see the value of giving the young women of the southland special training for the work to which God had called them, she devoted untiring efforts toward the development of such an institution. Mrs. Jones concluded her address by giving to the present students of the Training School a challenge to do what Miss Heck wanted them to do—consecrate themselves fully to the service of God.

After the singing of the anthem, "Dedication", by the Training School chorus, the ceremony of "The Drooping of the Lilies" was observed. This is the traditional tribute by the entire audience to the Founders.

What more fitting conclusion to a service held in the lovely chapel, given as a memorial to this great servant of the Master from North Carolina, than that a student from that same state, Miss Mary Lawrence Mills, should sing, "Pass on the Torch", and that Miss Mary Curran, the state's young people's secretary, should lead the group in its closing prayer?—Priscilla Kelley, Georgia Student



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FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

HOW I BECAME a CHRISTIAN

WHEN I was but six years old, my father died—a heathen. I was then taken to my aunt's home. There I attended school and church. Whenever they read the Bible I would not listen. I did not understand anything they said. After a while I left my aunt to live with my mother. There I went to school and, after school hours, I had to learn the Koran. After a time, I refused to learn the Koran and even though my mother was displeased with me at first she reasoned with me at last. About a couple of years after that I told my mother that I would stop going to school: but my mother didn't want me to stop both the Koran learning and book learning just about the same time. Therefore she called me to her one night and asked, "Do you want to go to school at Idi Aba to learn?" I replied in the affirmative.

When I got to Idi Aba, the first thing I noticed was that in the morning and evening they had prayer meetings. I went to them although they did not mean anything to me. I liked the place very much for there were many girls to play with. But very soon I began to have a dislike for the place. Here and there, they would be talking about Jesus: and if they had done this among themselves only and had not asked me to do anything about the One they talked about, I would have felt differently. They called me personally to hear about the Man. I grew more and more tired of the place: so much so that when they were about to start talking about Him I put my fingers in my ears.

To my surprise one day when they were talking, I was a bit interested. I did not put my fingers to my ears this time. On and on when they talked or called me personally I was interested in

the subject. Soon after this, I realized the great difference between Christianity and Mohammedanism. Shortly after we had a revival in the school. In one of the services I confessed Christ as my Savior.

When we got our holidays, I was glad to go home because I had good news of Jesus to tell my people. But to my sorrow, they did just as I had done many months ago. They didn't want to hear. They mocked me and cast jokes at me whenever I was on the subject of Christianity. I was very sad about this. One day I went to my grandmother, a Mohammedan, and talked to her. I was pleased to hear these words from her: "What we worship I know is not the truth; I simply bow and kneel with the others". I believe that through much prayer she will be a Christian.

In December 1938 I was baptized. When I got home my mother knew of this, and she said: "Who told you to be baptized? Don't you know that you must be a Mohammedan?" I replied, "I do not like to be one". She answered, "Then you are not my child. You are no more going to Idi Aba. I didn't know that that was what they were going to do at Idi Aba". This time every member of my family was against me. I was sad: and I did a lot of weeping daily for I could get no help from anybody. I had no peace with them all through Christmas tide. When I asked my mother for something, she said: "Don't come to me. I am a Mohammedan. Go to your Jesus and get whatever you want". I had a very hard time with my people; but I am lucky to have a good stepfather. He begged my mother but my mother refused to send me back to Idi Aba. He went to Idi Aba and told the missionaries there. I cannot describe how I felt and how thankful I was when the missionaries sent for me to come back to Idi Aba. My joy knew no boundary. I am very glad to be at Idi Aba today because some people over the seas who know Jesus are helping to pay my school fees. I do not know who they are or how they look, and neither do they know me, but the One who has tied us together I know will bless and reward them. I need your prayers.—*Mope Adedron, Nigeria*

BOOK REVIEWS

Miss Willie Jean Stewart, Tennessee

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THEY of ITALY: Lodovici and Enrico Paschetto; Broadman Press, Nashville, 1939; Pages 224; Price 50c and 75c

THIS is an interesting book, though it is far from being one to skim through easily. It is encyclopedic in detail, and one might easily lose the forest in the trees by permitting the attention to wander.

Chapter one gives a running description of the geography of Italy, fascinatingly illumined by the authors' very evident love for their country. It is perhaps the best written chapter in the book.

Chapter two reviews the political and religious history of Italy from earliest days. It is notable, chiefly, for a statement of the laws governing religious minorities in modern Italy with glimpses of some ways in which they are circumvented.

Chapter three gives an interesting but, perhaps, one-sided picture of Catholicism in Italy. It adds little to what is usually said on the subject.

Chapter four tells the story of Baptists and other evangelicals in Italy. It pays tribute to the workers as well as, to their work, doing so with restraint and grace.

Chapter five presents a challenging picture of the difficulties, the needs and the opportunities of the work in Italy today, all of which should stir up both interest and support.

Not the least valuable feature of the book is a resumé, in the appendix, of Mussolini's work in Italy which emphasizes its constructive aspects which are so frequently ignored here in America. The appendix also carries the usual teaching suggestions.

The book is intended for advanced study and should serve also as a valuable source book of information on Italy. (See also page 15 of this magazine.)

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CURRENT MISSIONARY EVENTS

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

"JOY to the WORLD, the LORD IS COME!"

As we think of the time swiftly approaching when there will begin to come to us by radio the glorious music of the Christmas season we wonder sometimes if in our heart of hearts even in this land of peace and plenty there will be much real joy when mingled with that glorious music there will doubtless come news from the war-torn countries of the world, that instead of the angels' song, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace, good-will toward men", sung to the most uplifting strains of music delighting the hearts of the people the air is being rent with the scream of the siren, the shrieks of terror-stricken children, the sound of bursting bombs, the thunder of mighty guns and the sobs of the wounded and dying. Some wonder—and question, "Where is there peace? More than 1900 years ago the angels sang, more than 1900 years ago Christ said, 'My peace I leave with you' ". Some wonder but not all because for many, yea thousands, there is "a settled quiet of the heart, a deep brooding mystery that 'passeth all understanding' ".

From *Southern Baptist Home Missions* comes this story told by a missionary.—We were on our way to a place of prayer. The siren of the city sounded and we knew the dreaded Japanese bombing planes were coming. People were surging out of the city trying to get out of the path of danger. Our little group of Christians went on their way to the place of prayer. A lad watching the turbulent scene, his face white, looked up to his father and said with trembling lips, "If the planes come, if the piercing eggs fall, we will be killed, won't we?" The father, a Christian, on his way to prayer said, "If the planes come and the piercing eggs fall on us, then your sister and your brother will wake up with you and me to be with the Lord Jesus where there are no dreaded planes. There is nothing to fear in this, is there?" The youthful eyes lingered on the scene of terror, a few seconds passed in silence, the quivering lips of the lad grew steady. The once trembling lips parted into a beaming smile and the hand found its way to the father's firm, strong, assuring grasp. The hope in Christ had given peace.

"My peace I give unto you not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

There may be little of joy in the news that will come to us by radio in the days ahead but surely the faithful followers of Christ will find joy in the following items and many other

such that may be gleaned from missionary magazines and religious papers:

There is a going out for the Lord and a seeking that we have not seen since we have been in China. A few Sundays ago we baptized 77 into our church.—Mrs. W. Eugene Salter, Kai-feng, Honan, China

We have been having a glorious time in old Soochow. Two weeks ago more than 50 were baptized in the Zia Nga Zion Church. Last Sunday 37 were baptized into the Bing Hwo Jao Church.—H. H. McMillan

The days are going fast—each one so short, so full of worthwhile things. I like to recall the day when I sat in the meeting with 24 young people who had only a few days before consecrated themselves to the Lord's service. I like to think of the morning when from all the Baptist churches in Shanghai there gathered more than 90 women to study missions and stewardship. Almost every woman who was not already a tither rose to say she hoped to become one. There are other wonderful things I could tell you for God indeed has done wonderful things for us whereof we are glad, GLAD.—Roberta Pearl Johnson, Shanghai

The Gospel was preached to 68 Indians for the first time when they attended a funeral service of a 12-year-old Indian boy who had recently been converted. . . . A revival on a Mexican field resulted in 11 conversions. . . . During a Vacation Bible School operated by the Home Mission Board in Baltimore 23 boys and girls accepted Jesus as their personal Savior. . . . A recent meeting held on a Cherokee Indian field in North Carolina resulted in 21 baptisms.—*Southern Baptist Home Missions*

Dr. George Sadler has written that when he was in Jerusalem he baptized a British soldier and that a young Jewish policeman stood by during the service. The next day he called Miss Clor to tell her that he had not been able to sleep knowing that he must go all the way with Christ or deny Him entirely. Soon after he too was baptized.

"Joy to the world the Lord is come" is a new, new story to some longing soul every day and those who have been faithful in their obedience to the Great Commission have the promise that they shall share in His joy and that their joy shall be full.

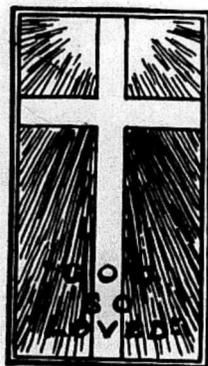
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I SAW the wealth of worlds shine bright
And glisten on my inward sight;
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That ever for the strong men wait;
I heard glad pleasure's songs of glee
With many a clear strong note for me;
I felt the charm of home and friends
And comfort that a hearth-fire lends;
They called me all; then came *one voice*,
"Lovest thou Me?" I made my choice.

More than these, O Lord, far more,
My soul doth Thine own self adore;
More than honor, fame and gold,
Comforts, pleasures manifold;
More than these my love for Thee!
I follow on; *Thou* leadest me!

—Gwynn McLendon, Class of 1932 of
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