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Editorial

STEADFAST, UNMOVABLE, ABUNDING

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

MOST members of Women's Missionary Societies can look back to early school days when copy books were an important feature of each school day's activity. When a new clean book with its fresh clean leaves was put into our hands its very freshness led to high resolves to follow the copy truly. Sometimes blunders or ugly blots marred a page, but it could be turned and thus there was presented a new opportunity to try again for a perfect copy. When the last page was reached real improvement was the reward of care and high resolve. As the teacher turned the pages she was pleased with the evidence that her pupils had done better.

A new year dawns; like the new clean book with its fresh clean leaves it leads to high resolves. In it will be written the records of a year. Will the writing be pleasing to the great Teacher? We pray that it may be. Each one is responsible for the completed record. Individual loyalty and devotion to the missionary ideals of W.M.U. are essential if the society record is to be good. The society must constantly stimulate its members, striving for the highest goals and thus the associational, district and state records will maintain a high level. The sum of the state records will determine how faithful the individual members have been toward attaining the missionary development and support which is the sole purpose of W.M.U. Jesus said, "Ye shall be My witnesses". If He finds us faithful in word and deed and gift then He will be pleased.

At the last annual meeting there was great rejoicing in the triumphs of the Jubilee Year. Its victories were an evidence that faithful following of plans had brought rich rewards. They stimulated hope of quickened missionary conscience that would bring larger returns for missions in the days and years that lie ahead. The singleness of purpose of W.M.U. "to stimulate the missionary spirit and the grace of giving among the women and the young people of the churches" had its reward and promised larger returns in the future.

Contemplating the history of the years, with the advancing love for and support of denominational missions, the realization is born anew that what has been blessed of God will continue to receive His blessing. The watchword chosen for 1940 is therefore apt. The real purpose of a watchword is that, hidden in the heart, it shall serve to quicken the holy impulses of the individual life. Repeated in meetings it fortifies purpose, unites effort and stimulates to forward movements.

In the watchword for 1940 three words stand out—*steadfast, unmovable, abounding*. They summon members of W.M.U. to rededication to the missionary purposes that have characterized the organization through all the years. They call for the plus of devotion and loyalty and untiring service. Each member is impelled, in contemplation of these stirring words, to make this new year a time of quickened missionary fervor in her own life. This fervor will certainly be as heaven in increasingly widened circles. "Be ye steadfast, unmovable; always abounding in the work of the Lord".

Evangelistic Crusade

Roland Q. Leavell

Supt. of Evangelism, Home Mission Board

THE mission study book, *Helping Others to Become Christians*, has had a most cordial reception by the Woman's Missionary Union. More than 25,000 copies have been distributed. Thank God for whatever good may have been done. The glorious report of 256,814 baptisms for the past year indicates that the church members have actually been "helping others to become Christians". What should the members of the missionary societies do after studying this book?

Cooperate with the 1940 Evangelistic Program—All who have taken this study course should pray for and cooperate with the special evangelistic emphasis which has been adopted by the Baptists of the world. About twenty Baptist conventions and unions of the United States will cooperate in a "Nation-wide Baptist Evangelistic Crusade for 1940". Also, the Baptist World Alliance in Atlanta recommended such a soul winning crusade for Baptists in sixty or more nations. The last day of 1939 was designated as a day of world-wide prayer for the salvation of souls.

Cultivate the Spirit of Revival—After studying "*Helping Others to Become Christians*", everyone should seek to start a revival within his or her own heart. Moody once said: "No one can lead another closer to God than he himself lives". A revival comes when Christians cultivate humility, prayer, seeking God's face and repentance from all known worldliness and sin. A revival will have started when church members exhibit more faithfulness in the preaching services, when they practice more scriptural stewardship and when they give more effort to winning others to Christ.

Give Diligence to Soul Winning—Members of missionary societies should remember that the heart of missions is soul winning. In their program of personal service, winning a lost soul to Christ is the greatest possible service to God or man. Those who have studied the book should perform the doing of it by prayer, witnessing to the lost, inviting them to preaching services, introducing the lost to the pastor and pressing the unsaved to believe on Christ.

Establish a Family Altar—One great purpose of the book is to encourage the establishment of family altars, with daily Bible reading and prayer in the family circle. The home must be linked with the church in soul winning. If there is a lost member of the family, daily Bible reading and prayer in the family circle is the first step toward impressing that lost one and toward bringing God's power to bear upon him.

Plan Evangelistic Activity—The members of the W.M.U. of any church can help most effectively in the perennial evangelistic program of the pastor. Their services will tell in the following activities: a religious census, a program of visitation to the lost, enlistment of inactive church members, many fields of service during the evangelistic meetings, the Vacation Bible School, the church mission to underprivileged people, radio evangelism, promotion of evangelism in backward churches in the association, a youth revival and so forth.

Everyone who has studied "*Helping Others to Become Christians*" should volunteer to the pastor for his direction in winning the lost to Christ. Will you?

Personal Service

Southwide Personal Service Chairman, Mrs. Eureka Whiteker, Ky.

READ Acts 9:36-43. Let us first think of a simple definition of personal service. Personal means direct from one person to another. Service includes kindness, help, aid, spiritual service and love. We can express it this way: *Presenting a Personal Savior to a Personal Sinner by a Personal Servant.*

The name *Dorcas* is a term of endearment. The *Dorcas* of the Bible story was a beloved disciple. Her work, when outlined, consists of four words: work, working, weeping, witnessing.

Work—She had the Christ-filled life. We find that she knew that there was work to be done, a special need for her services. These steps always bring about this result; information leads to inspiration; inspiration to worship; and worship to service. *Dorcas* followed these in her life.

Working—*Dorcas* lived a Christ-obeying life. She had ideas and a desire for service, she was "full of good works and alms-deeds". She not only thought about what ought to be done but she also did it. Three words—"which she did"—tell us the story of her life. We also notice that the commendation which she received was not only for what she gave but for what she did as well. Read James 2:15-16: "If a brother or sister be naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, 'Depart in peace, be ye warm and filled', notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?" Christ also says in the fifteenth chapter of John that we are to bear fruit—more fruit—much fruit. This, then, is the Christian's service.

Weeping—*Dorcas* lived the Christ-honoring life. Therefore, her weeping was turned into joy. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seeds, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing bringing his sheaves with him". The word that is translated weepeth here means really weeping and is used ninety-seven times in the Bible, not sorrow only but also the kind of sorrow which means burden for the lost. The joy comes from winning a soul to Him. Sickness and sorrow have come to this home and two men are sent with an earnest invitation to Peter to come without delay. When he comes the friends of *Dorcas* display the garments which she has made. We find them reporting the works of love which have been done, also that the gifts have met the needs of the ones for whom they were made.

Witnessing—*Dorcas* lived a victorious life because she witnessed. The early Christians were all glad to testify. What *Dorcas* had done was known throughout all Joppa and many believed on the Lord. Many were also convinced that the Gospel was of Heaven and not of men. As *Dorcas* was raised from the dead for service, so we are saved to serve: *Ephesians 2:1*—"And you hath He quickened who were dead in trespasses and sins".—Mrs. Roderick D. Sheldon, Oklahoma W.M.U. Personal Service Chairman

Pray that gleanings may be carefully made and promptly forwarded for 1939 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Watchword for Year

"THEREFORE . . . BE YE STEADFAST, UNMOVABLE"—1 Cor. 15:58

Dr. John L. Slaughter

Pastor First Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.

MOFFATT'S translation will help us to understand this verse. "Well then . . . hold your ground, immovable". "Be ye steadfast" and "hold your ground" have similar meanings, but "hold your ground" has richer implications. It carries the thought that already there has been won a large territory after all sorts of battles. Now you must dig in for fortifications to prevent loss and for a further advance. In order to hold your ground you must know and appreciate what has already been gained and you must be confident that none of your labors are or will be in vain.

We take then our cue for an interpretation of this verse from the first word. The "therefore" refers to what the apostle has said in the preceding verses. He is admonishing the Lord's people to hold their ground and abound in work because there are certain facts which justify our steadfastness. These truths are brought to light in this immortal message of the Gospel.

The foundational fact was that "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that He was buried; and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures—". With inspired logic the apostle declares that, as we have borne the image of the earthly, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. Our victory is through our Lord Jesus Christ. He conquered sin and death and now reigns as eternal King and Savior, interceding for His people. Death hath no more dominion over Him or over us. Therefore, in the light of Christ's sacrificial life and death, in which He perfected salvation for all who come to God by faith, you can and will remain steadfast in the faith. With these truths as a background, let me suggest two things about the ground we are to hold.

In the first place, it is solid ground. The life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ are not only great historical facts, but they are also experiential realities. God was in Christ in the manger, in the Garden of Gethsemane, upon Calvary, in the tomb and upon Olivet, reconciling the world unto Himself. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever". "On Christ the solid rock we stand, all other ground is sinking sand". The apostle says: "Hold your ground because victory in life and over death is ours in Jesus Christ".

In the second place, it is sustaining ground. One often wonders how our Lord kept His confidence, calmness and patience when He was here on earth. Wasn't it due to the fact that He was sure of Himself and of His Father's purpose? He believed that He and His cause had allies in the very nature of things, that He had allies before the advent of time. He held His ground because the purpose of His life was rooted in the character of God and the usefulness of His life was to be for all humanity. These same sustainments are ours today. No word spoken in His name will ever be lost. No deed done in His name will ever be fruitless. No gift made in His name will fail to bless. No meeting held for Him will ever be useless. Our labors are not in vain. "Therefore, hold your ground, immovable!"

Hundred Thousand Club

GETTING over the HILL

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

REMEMBER the first street car I ever saw. It was pulled by horses. They kept an extra horse at the foot of a hill to help the team up the steep grade. When they reached the top of the hill the extra horse was unhitched; he came down to the foot of the hill to help the next car up.

Every southern Baptist knows or ought to know that the Cooperative Program is the main plan for carrying on the regular work of our denomination. The Baptist Hundred Thousand Club is the extra plan to help in a hard place, to help get over the hill.

The Cooperative Program is a program; it is a well thought out plan of procedure; it seeks to provide for the work of all our agencies; it seeks to provide sufficient funds for them to carry on without borrowing money; it seeks to have this money coming in regularly so there will be no lean months; it seeks to unify all our work so there will be no conflicts, no overlappings, no contentions; it seeks to enlist all our churches and all our members in the support of all our work; it seeks to make this support intelligent, systematic, adequate and cheerful. It is the best plan we have been able to devise for carrying out the program of our Lord as we Baptists understand it. It has done and is doing well; it is increasing in favor; the only persons who object to it are the ones who have not tried it or do not understand it. Every member of every Woman's Missionary Society should pray for, pay through and help promote our Cooperative Program.

But sometime ago, we came to a hill; it was steep and high and most difficult. It was the Hill of Denominational Debt. We could not get over it by means of the Cooperative Program alone. We tried to, we tried hard, but we just could not do it. It looked for a time as though we were hopelessly stalled and would have to give up entirely or take off some, if not all, our passengers. Ours was a serious situation. After looking in every direction we finally found some help; it was the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club.

The Baptist Hundred Thousand Club is the extra horse; it is to help us up and over the Hill of Debt. It can't do the job alone, but pulling with the Cooperative Program it is doing wonders. It got the car going when it had stopped and was about to slip backwards. But we are making some headway now; we are half way up the hill. Let's not give up. We are moving slowly, but we are moving.

Our extra horse is getting a bit weak, due to over-work and under-feeding. We must feed him better or he will break down and we shall have to get another horse. I don't know where we can find a better one. Let's feed this one more and better food. Who will help?

Everybody who wants to help can. How about you? Couldn't you give a dollar a month and be a full-fledged member? Certainly the members of your circle can join together and take one or more memberships. The W.M.U. is doing the biggest half of this extra pulling. Don't give up till we get to the top of the hill. Come on! With all the strength of the Cooperative Program plus the extra help of the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club we shall get over the hill. We can get along without the extra horse when we get to the top.

We just must have a debtless denomination by 1945.

The LOCAL STEWARDSHIP CHAIRMAN MAKES a VISIT

Time—Afternoon, January 1, 1940

Scene—Home of Associational Stewardship Chairman

Mrs. Brown (Associational Stewardship Chairman)—Come in, Mrs. Smith! I am so glad you called this beautiful New Year's day.

Mrs. Smith (Local Stewardship Chairman)—I have not come for a social call. I am here on the King's business. I have been elected stewardship chairman of Rogersville W.M.S. I did not consider it an important task until the day the 1940 officers were installed. But when I heard the installing officer say: "We are depending on you, Mrs. Smith, as our stewardship chairman to show us how to be faithful stewards", I realized the task was great! I have come to you for help.

Mrs. B.—Indeed our responsibilities and our opportunities are heavy. I am glad you realize it. The New Year lies before us as a blank book, waiting for us to write the record on its pages. To make this a glorious year for our Lord we need to pray, study, work. Let us resolve to be "always abounding in the work of the Lord".

Mrs. S.—My president suggested that I purchase this 1940 Year Book. Will I need it?

Mrs. B.—Yes indeed! It will be your guide for the year's activity. On page 20 we find the stewardship section of the Plan of Work. On page 96 our duties are listed. You also need a copy of Mrs. Carter Wright's "Open Letter to Stewardship Chairmen".

Mrs. S.—What shall I do first?

Mrs. B.—I suggest you make a tentative plan of work for your W.M.S. for the entire year, selecting a definite phase to emphasize each quarter. As your associational chairman, I shall expect a quarterly report. We shall hold conferences at each quarterly meeting.

Of course you have signed the Stewardship Covenant Card, for we cannot ask others to do what we have not done. Enroll all tithers in the society and in each auxiliary, who have previously signed the covenant. Urge all others to read the covenant card and to sign it. The cards for each organization may be secured from state W.M.U. headquarters. This should be done in January but we will not cease in our efforts to enroll tithers until every member is a tither.

If we are to be good stewards we need to search the Scriptures and study stewardship books. The recommended books are listed on page 20 of the Year Book. Secure a copy of the tract, "God's Message to Southern Baptists on Stewardship", for each member and ask each one to use the daily readings in order to know God's financial plan.

Ask your mission study chairman to include a stewardship book in her plans for the year. You, of course, will want to read several such books. They will prove helpful for frequent talks to society and circles.

Mrs. S.—I can see the value of such a study early in the year.

Mrs. B.—The southern Union recommends the selection of a Hundred Thousand Club chairman for each society and circle. Her duties are to promote the Club, enroll members and keep a record of monthly payments. These should be appointed early in the year.

Mrs. S.—I have resolved to secure a gift to missions from every resident woman member.

Mrs. B.—This becomes an easy task when every woman understands she may give to missions through the Cooperative Program. You are responsible for Point 3 on the Standard of Excellence (page 25). Study our state plan for giving to missions.

Mrs. S.—Do I have any part in the stewardship plans for the auxiliaries?

Mrs. B.—Yes indeed! You are to cooperate with the third vice president and counselors in this work, assisting in securing materials, making plans for the Church Night programs etc.

Mrs. S.—Why is the Church Night program usually given in October or November?

Mrs. B.—The children and other young people study throughout the year but the program is given the last quarter to help prepare the entire church for the Every Member Canvass.

Mrs. S.—You have helped me see the scope of my task.

Mrs. B.—Let us pray for the power of the Spirit to lead and direct us!

Mrs. T. W. McKee, Mo. Stewardship Chairman

G.-Tell

PAUL mastered the choice of the essential. To the Christians at Corinth he wrote: "In the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding than by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue". To most individuals, groups, even nations there comes a time when selection is important; when that choice must be narrowed to the five even though the ten thousand are greatly to be desired.

The Capsule of Time, a feature of the New York World's Fair, is an 800 pound metal letter from the people of today to the people who will live 5,000 years hence. It contains articles valuable for scientific and historical reasons, a limited choice out of ten thousand inventions and discoveries of our age. Among the articles in the capsule is a Bible. Let us suppose that we were faced with the responsibility of selecting five of the most important commands from the ten thousand excellencies of the Bible to preserve for those who live 5,000 years hence. Surely, the command of Jesus to go into all the world and preach to every creature the Gospel of the crucified, resurrected, ascended and returning Savior would be one of the five chosen. Obedience to that command forms the corridors of mission history. Down these corridors in every age and nation have advanced the followers of the King of kings and Lord of lords.

The first recorded words of the risen Lord were spoken in a garden made forever sweet with spices strewn on the dew-wet grass as the women ran to tell that an angel said, "Go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead". Here the lingering Mary was commissioned to carry the message of His ascension, "Go to My brethren and say unto them that I ascend unto My Father and your Father and to My God and your God". The resurrection and ascension message is preeminent and vital after 2,000 years. It is a message to individuals, for individuals, to be carried and maintained by individuals. It enables an individual to live with a sense of mission. It invests all life with nobility and meaning. In what other field could one hope to influence the world for all time and eternity except in the realm of missions? The message breaks down barriers between classes, races, nationalities and leads to the only world brotherhood. We cannot speak of Jesus as the Redeemer and limit the range of His redemption for He is the desire of all nations. It is His will that none should perish but that all should have everlasting life. Orientals stunt forest trees into gnarled dwarfs by tying up the tap root. Thus they are kept in pots though centuries old. The tap root of the Christian and missionary life is obedience to the missionary command. Tied off, the life of the individual or church is stunted and dwarfed. The command to "Go-tell" is the tap root of Christian growth, and life holds no more important opportunity than to be obedient. Therefore, we seek to go and tell of a crucified, risen, ascended, all powerful, returning Redeemer!—Mrs. W. J. Cox



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Bible Study

Ella Broadus Robertson, Kentucky

LEARNING to LOVE the BIBLE

Psalms 19; Luke 4:16-22

TO an attentive heart, two voices speak plainly of God. One is the world in which He has placed us, including the glory of the heavens by day and by night; the other is the Bible, in which every experience of life finds its expression and, if need be, its cure. David heard and responded to both voices with joy and humility. A later and more formal writer, who gave us the 119th Psalm, concentrates on the Law of the Lord in his acrostic of the Hebrew alphabet. Ruskin, whose mother made him learn this among other long chapters, says it cost him more tears than any but had been of unspeakable comfort in his old age.

A popular woman speaker, who gives sprightly book reviews, has included the Bible in her repertoire. It is interesting to watch her audience and see plainly that many a woman has never before grasped the Bible as a whole—its infinite variety, its continuity of purpose, its real unity. Dr. Campbell Morgan has taught the Christian world that the Bible can be read through in sixty hours, an hour a day. This allows about 20 chapters an hour. If you ask: "What good does it do when you read so fast?" Well, it does a great deal of good. Some people, even some college graduates, have never read it through. Some do it two or three times in a life-time. The old rule of three chapters a day and five on Sundays, to finish in a year, makes it a task. Reading it by books was a new plan fifty years ago, but most intelligent people have now caught that idea. Did you ever read one of the longer books in a day and really get it? Once on a happy Sunday upon the ocean, coming home from England, when everybody was carrying a novel around all day, one passenger read the book of Isaiah through instead and recommends it as matching the beauty of the sea and the sky.

But best of all is reading the Bible as a Chinese Christian recently announced he was doing: "I am reading the Sermon on the Mount and behaving it!" Long ago a missionary in Africa had a class of men learn this sermon by heart. When they had all finished it, he said kindly: "Now you must go home and practice it". "That's the only way we could learn it", they replied. "These thoughts are so strange to us, we could not place them in our minds till we tried to do them. Then we could remember them".

We know that Jesus loved the Bible from boyhood. What a joy it must have been to Him to read a passage and know He had come to fulfill it, as He said in the synagogue at Nazareth. It sustained Him in trial and, even upon the cross, He found in it words to express His heart's deepest cry.

Pray that 1946 Annie W. Armstrong Offering may far exceed its \$139,000 goal by the leading of God's Spirit.

Intercede for God's "good success" in Baptist Hundred Thousand Club. (See page 8.) Plead through the Prince of Peace for world-wide peace.

Family Altar

Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

TOPIC: The Eternal Purpose of God (Redemption)

WHAT is meant by God's sovereignty? That God is sovereign means that, having perfect knowledge and perfect power, He governs all things according to His own will. Two elements are found in this thought: that God works by a plan and that He is still at work in His universe.—*Dr. E. C. Dargan*

"The Eternal God"

1st Day—Psa. 90; Matt. 16:13-24
2nd Day—Deut. 34:27a; 1 John 2:18-25
3rd Day—Job 9:11; 36:26-33; Rom. 10:1-10
4th Day—Isa. 40:28; 63:16; 1 John 4:7-15
5th Day—Lam. 5:19; Acts 4:7-12
6th Day—Hab. 1:12; Matt. 16:21-28
7th Day—Psa. 145:13; 146:10; Isa. 53:7-12

"My Ways Higher Than Your Ways"

8th Day—Isa. 55:1-8; Matt. 18:21-35
9th Day—II Sam. 22:31-33, 50, 51; Eph. 4:25-32
10th Day—Ex. 20:21; 33:20; 34:14; Mark 11:20-25
11th Day—Deut. 4:24; 29:20; 32:16; Prov. 19:1-11
12th Day—II Chron. 16:7-10; Gen. 50:15-21
13th Day—John 1:19; 5:37; 6:46; Acts 7:54-60
14th Day—I Cor. 2:9-16; Psa. 32:1-5

"Thy God reigneth."

15th Day—Isa. 52:7-10; Matt. 20:17-28
16th Day—Zech. 9:9, 10; Luke 18:9-14
17th Day—Matt. 2:2, 6; 12:4; 1 Pet. 5:1-7
18th Day—Matt. 21:5; 25:31-34; Luke 14:7-11
19th Day—Rom. 9:5; 14:9; Prov. 22:1-9
20th Day—I Tim. 6:15, 16; John 13:12-20
21st Day—Rev. 11:15; 12:10; 14:14; Phil. 2:1-11

"The Power of God unto Salvation"

22nd Day—Rom. 1:16, 17; 10:4, 9; Matt. 21:1-11
23rd Day—John 6:44, 45; Matt. 21:12-17
24th Day—Gal. 4:4, 5; Psa. 45:6-11
25th Day—II Tim. 1:9, 10; Psa. 24:1-10
26th Day—Heb. 1:1-8; Jer. 23:1-8
27th Day—Rom. 14:11; Luke 2:25-32
28th Day—Matt. 19:28; 22:29; Psa. 2:1-12
29th Day—Dan. 3:20; Gen. 1:27-31
30th Day—Eph. 3:1-12; Gen. 6:9-20
31st Day—Eph. 3:18-21; Dan. 1:8-16

"Pray Ye"

Ascribing all praise to God—the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Resolving to pray much during the new year
Interceding for your home, circle, society and church that each will this year glorify God by deeper devotion to His Kingdom

Remember especially the Nation-wide Baptist Evangelistic Crusade, emphasizing humility of all believers, personal evangelism, family altars, revival in every church.

Pray for all W.M.U. work in your church—officers and committees of society; counselors of W.M.U. young people; efforts to be A-1 and to increase number of tithers. (See pages 35-36.)

Intercede for those responsible for preparing for March Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 4-8 inclusive.



Calendar of Prayer January, 1940

Prepared by Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona

Each day to walk with Thee a little nearer,
Each day to talk with Thee a little clearer;
Each day to find Thy will a little dearer;
Be this Thy gift, Oh Lord!

—Kate M. Hunt

1—MONDAY

God's grace for the opportunities and responsibilities in the New Year.
Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.

—I Cor. 15:58

2—TUESDAY

Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, president of Woman's Missionary Union.
The Lord is thy keeper.

—Psa. 121:5

3—WEDNESDAY

W.M.U. Executive Committee, state W.M.U. executive and young people's secretaries; also state departmental chairmen.
Who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?

—I Chron. 19:5

4—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Donath (Christiana Donath), evangelistic-nursing workers, with Miss Hattie Gardner, educational worker, Shaki, Nigeria.
And He said, My presence shall go with thee.

—Ex. 33:14

5—FRIDAY

Dr. and Mrs. C. G. McDaniel (Nannie Bartlett), educational workers, Dr. and Mrs. H. H. McMillan (Lella McMillan), evangelistic workers, Soochow, China; also John J. McMillan, Margaret Fund student.
So didst Thou lead Thy people to make Thysell a glorious name.

—Isa. 63:14

6—SATURDAY

Royal Service editors, Miss Kathleen Malloy, managing editor.
Behold, thou hast instructed many.

—Job 4:3

7—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. R. T. Bryan (Mama Salice), Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Bostick (Nell Lawrence), emeritus missionaries from China.
For His Name's sake they went forth.

—III John 7

8—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. Wagon Iron, Pawbucka, Rev. Johnny Stonerod, Red Rock, Oklahoma, evangelistic workers among Indians.
The Lord is with you, while ye be with Him.

—II Chron. 15:2

9—TUESDAY

Editors of The Window of Y.W.A. and World Crusader, Miss Juliette Mather, managing editor, Miss Elma Carlin, secretary.
A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.

—Prov. 25:11

10—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Craighood (Hazel Thompson), evangelistic workers, Cernant, Rev. and Mrs. S. F. Starnes (Lilly Mae Syllon), educational workers, Bucharest, Rumania.

It is of the Lord's mercy we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not.

—Lam. 3:22

11—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. T. C. Bagby (Frances Adams), evangelistic workers, Sao Paulo, Brazil, and Mrs. A. I. Bagby (Thelma Pratt), evangelistic-educational workers, Petus, Brazil.
The generation of the upright shall be blessed.

—Psa. 112:2

12—FRIDAY

W.M.U. Training School, Louisville, Ky., Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, principal, the Board, faculty and students.
Light shall shine upon thy ways.

—Job 22:28

13—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Schwab (Irma Chamberlain), evangelistic workers, Miss Esther Wenzel, educational worker, Acadia Academy, Church Point, La.
They that deal truly are His delight.

—Prov. 12:22

14—SUNDAY

Every church in S.B.C. may join in the Nation-wide Baptist Evangelistic Crusade.
He which converteth the sinner from the error of his ways shall save a soul from death.

—Jan. 5:20

15—MONDAY

Annual meeting of Florida W.M.U., Lakeland, Jan. 15-17.
This people have I formed for Myself; they shall show forth My praise.

—Isa. 45:21

16—TUESDAY

Rev. S. M. Sowell, evangelistic-educational worker, Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Gillis (Mary Lee Appelman), educational workers, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
The Lord recompense thy work.

—Eph. 3:12

17—WEDNESDAY

Miss Gladys McLanahan, Lillie Mae Weatherford, Gloria Ruiz, educational workers, Mexican Baptist Institute, El Paso, Tex.
They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

—Isa. 40:31

Calendar of Prayer for January

18—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Hart (*Tennessee Hamilton*), evangelistic workers, Antofagasta. Misses Agnes Graham and Cornelia Brower, educational workers, Temuco, Chile. God is faithful, by whom ye were called. —1 Cor. 1:9

19—FRIDAY

Margaret Fund, Mrs. H. M. Rhodes, southwider chairwoman; also state chairmen. Be strong, for your work shall be rewarded. —11 Chron. 15:7

20—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Landon, (*Artie Moser*), Fort Worth, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Gardner, Waco, Texas, evangelistic workers among deaf. That they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. —11 Tim 2:10

21—SUNDAY

Mrs. W. B. Bagby (*Ann Luther*), Mrs. A. B. Langston (*Louise Dinguid*), Mrs. R. M. Logan (*Rebecca Adams*), emeritus missionaries from Brazil. Your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world. —Rom. 1:8

22—MONDAY

xxi Dr. and Mrs. S. E. Ayers (*Winnie Bennett*), medical-evangelistic workers. Rev. and Mrs. Wilson Fielder (*Maud A. Britton*), evangelistic workers, Chengchow, China; also Thomas William Ayers and Wilson, Jr., Golda Jean and Byron Fielder, Margaret Fund students. The wilderness and the solitary place shall be made glad for them. —Isa. 35:1

23—TUESDAY

W.M.U. Literature Department, Miss Ethel Winfield, secretary. For whatsoever things were written . . . were written for our learning. —Rom. 15:4

24—WEDNESDAY

Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Vance (*Frances Hudson*), Pinglu, Dr. Ethel Pierce, Miss Sallie James, Yangchow, China, medical-evangelistic workers. Serving God day and night. —Acts 26:7

25—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. S. Villacreal (*Anita Frances*), Harlingen, Rev. J. Flores, San Marcos, Tex., evangelistic workers among Mexicans. If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God. —Jas. 1:5

26—FRIDAY

Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Davis, publication workers, Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Benson, administrative workers, Mexican Baptist Seminary, El Paso, Tex. How forcible are right words! —Job 6:25

27—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Wiley (*Elizabeth Ellyson*), educational workers, Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Ware (*Mary Long*), evangelistic-educational workers, Shanghai, China; also Louise Wiley, Margaret Fund student. The Word of the Lord in thy mouth is truth. —1 Kings 17:24

28—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. D. G. Whittinghill (*Susie Taylor*), emeritus missionaries from Italy. The Lord, thy God is with thee, whithersoever thou goest. —Josh. 1:9

29—MONDAY

Annual mid-year meeting of W.M.U. Executive Committee and state W.M.U. executive secretaries, Birmingham, Ala. Jan. 29-Feb. 1. When He, the Spirit of truth is come, He will guide you into all truth. —John 16:13

30—TUESDAY

Dr. M. N. McCall, superintendent of Cuban work, and Mrs. McCall (*Mabel Lipscomb*), evangelistic-educational work, Havana, Cuba. He that doeth the will of God abideth forever. —1 John 2:17

31—WEDNESDAY

Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Stumph (*Delia Seville*), Albuquerque, Rev. and Mrs. Seterrin Jojola, Iteia, New Mexico, evangelistic workers among Indians.

It is Christ Jesus . . . who also maketh intercession for us. —Rom. 8:34

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Circle+Plans

Mrs. William McMorry, Tenn.

In Teaching "THIS WORLD'S GOODS"

(See also page 34.)

General Aim: To show that a stewardship of possessions involves every relationship in the life of the Christian

Session I. Chapter I

Aim: To show how attitudes toward money and the things we possess are developed in the home

Method: Outline and discussion. Put on blackboard the outline of the chapter.

Key Sentence: Print on blackboard or poster streamer: "At two years the average child begins to believe that he owns everything in sight".

Link: Do the members of my family measure success by the money standard? Discuss.

Session II. Chapters II and III

Aim: To lead the class to see that the use one makes of his possessions over and above necessities indicates the outreach of his soul

Method: Outline both chapters under these two heads—

I. Some Bible Characters Who Made a Purchase

II. Character Traits Revealed through These Purchases

List all Bible characters in both chapters and analyze the personality of each.

Key Sentence: "A man's soul travels the same road as his attitude toward money".

Link: For what am I spending my money? Does money stick to my hands? Do I believe that "to give is to live?" Discuss.

Session III. Chapter IV

Aim: To impress upon the class that one does not fulfill his whole duty to society by merely giving

Method: Lecture, posters, discussion. The teacher may give the Biblical background to prove the truth involved in the aim.

Cain gave but rejected the idea of being his brother's keeper etc.

Key Sentence: "Riches, even though shared, become a curse when they are secured at the cost of society".

Suggested wording for posters which may be illustrated with pictures cut from magazines: 1. Greed strips the forests. Floods result in suffering and poverty. 2. Avarice destroys food. Millions go hungry and starve. 3. Luxury exploits women and children in factories to make silks, laces, embroideries and linens. 4. Wealth gained at the expense of society produces fertile soil for communism, dictators and revolutions. Proof: See *Fascist Europe* (Revised Edition) for sketches of Mussolini, Hitler and Stalin.

Link: Is it Christian for me to pay an unfair wage to my domestic help? Does the tithe atone for this injustice? What about church members who own and rent slum property considered a menace to health and morals? Discuss.

Session IV. Chapters V and VI

Aim: To show the Christian what his financial obligation is to the church in the light of Bible teaching

Method: Lecture, discussion and blackboard outline. The teacher may use the material in the appendix to get before the class the history and early practice of tithing before the law was given at Sinai. Follow this with an explanation of the tithe in Malachi and the points under the heading *Christ and the Tithe*. Outline on blackboard division 3, page 67, and division 4, page 77.

Key Sentence: Christians indicate the place on which they put God by the amount they give to His church.

Link: Do I figure the tithe after I have deducted all bills? Do I make a pledge to my church and never pay it? Do I regard money as a sacred trust? Discuss.

Business Women's Circles

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TOPIC: The Eternal Purpose of God (Redemption)

SUGGESTIONS for POSTER, PLACE CARDS or PROGRAM SHEETS

DRAW a prism with its light rays falling upon the two hemispheres. Write underneath: "Throughout the New Year let your light shine for Christ". Draw a picture of a sailboat in the center of a large cardboard. Write above in big letters: "Launch out into the deep. Be a soul winner".

Use the picture of a ship on the outside cover of a booklet made of purple construction paper. Write: "Setting Sail on the Sea New Year". Give the theme for the year, watchword and hymn as printed in 1940 W.M.U. Year Book (pages 1, 12, 38). Then give topic for the month and the program. Write underneath:

"The world's great heart is aching, aching fiercely in the night;
And God alone can heal it, and God alone give light;
And the ones to bear that message and to speak the living word
Are you and I, my sisters, and the millions that have heard!"

Since this is the beginning of the New Year, you might add further information about your B.W.C. and give all the program topics for the year. This latter information you may get from your 1940 W.M.U. Year Book (pages 12-15). If you have not received one, ask your W.M.S. president about a copy for your B.W.C. Booklets with program topics—indicating meeting days, giving names and addresses of circle members etc.—will serve a good purpose throughout the year.

SUGGESTIONS for PRESENTATION of PROGRAM

The Promise of Redemption (Page 19)

Ask one member of the circle, who is vitally interested in missions and in bringing others to see God's plan of redemption, to present this discussion.

Fulfillment (Page 22)

During this discussion use the manger scene, signifying that Jesus has come.

Plan of Propagation (Page 22)

Let one member dress in white robe to represent "Hope". Hope is in the individual, who is to carry on the work of Christ through preaching, teaching, healing and the printed page. Let each one decide which of the ways God has called her to witness. As "Hope" takes up the discussion she will hand to four members—who have been notified previously to be ready to stand as mentioned—the Bible to represent the preacher; several books to represent the teacher; a nurse's cap, with a Red Cross on it, to represent the doctor; and a leaflet or tract to represent the printed page.

The Proof of Redemption (Page 23)

Assign these stories to five different circle members asking them to tell them in first person. If you like, have them dress in costume.

A New Program Theme and As Year Succeeds to Year (Pages 18-19, 25-26)

Give the history of our hymn for the year which you will find on page 38 of the 1940 W.M.U. Year Book. Study the Scripture basis of the hymn. Sing it. There is always something exciting and challenging about the New Year: this year is unusually so. Make much of this opportunity to bring to the attention of your circle members the privileges and responsibilities that are theirs in keeping up with all the changes of the world and in giving themselves to the task as soul winners. Point out some of the changes which have come in the past year, changes that have made a vast difference in your life and the life of those about you. World conditions have greatly changed. In contrast with that change, talk next of the things that change not—the sun, moon and stars; laws of nature; God Himself, who has a purpose for all things and all peoples.

Program Plans

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POSTER SUGGESTIONS

ON A POSTER either sketch a rough sea on which a frail vessel is tossing or paste on the poster a picture of such a scene. Underneath print these words: "Steer an undriven course to W.M.U." Give time and place of meeting.
Some striking war cartoons or newspaper headlines can be cut out and pasted on another poster in haphazard fashion. Print these words underneath: "What stands sure today? Come to W.M.U." Give time, place, date.

SUGGESTIONS for INDIVIDUAL INVITATIONS

Cut out a small paper or cardboard ship. Print on this: "Plot your way to W.M.U." Give time, place and date.

Cut out a small map of the world in the shape of a globe. Print or write on it: "1940 is here! What hope? What purpose? Come to W.M.U." Give time, place, date.

SUGGESTIONS for PRESENTATION of PROGRAM

Make use of a gateway, opening in the middle or at side, to represent the gates of time as suggested in the first poem of program material (pages 18-26). Use a door or swinging chair as the gate or make one from fixtures previously used in some play or pageant: it will be an easy matter to improvise a gate from any materials at hand. With crepe paper cover any dirty or ugly exterior. As the poem (page 18) is being read let one woman stand in the gate holding gifts in her arms. As the gifts are mentioned she first gives the speaker a Bible opened to 2 Corinthians 15:58; then a hymn book open at "How Firm a Foundation"; and last she unfolds a streamer, on which the program theme for the year has been printed, and gives this to the speaker. Or let one person be January and come through the gate. She turns to beckon to three women back of her. The first woman to pass through the gate holds a Bible open at the new watchword (1 Cor. 15:58) and hands this to the speaker. The second woman has a hymn book turned to the hymn for the year; and the last woman carries a streamer bearing the program theme.

As the person talks, have someone print two lists, either on a blackboard or a poster. Head the first list with these words: "Change and Decay in All". Underneath list things mentioned in the program material, such as: styles, governments, national alliances, education etc. Head the second list with these words: "Things Which Change Not". Underneath list such things as these: planets move in appointed course, laws of nature, right is always right, wrong is always wrong, God's eternal purpose—redemption (print this last item in larger letters). At the close of this discussion cover the lists with a poster on which the word love has been printed in big red letters or reveal the lists through cut out letters of the word love. Verse two of the hymn, "Abide with Me", may be sung here by the entire W.M.S.

Use a map in presenting God's promise as He revealed it to various individuals and groups. In preparation trace lightly an outline map on a large poster or blackboard, showing territory in both eastern and western hemispheres. As someone tells of the promise to Eve, have another person take colored pencil or crayon and fill in the land near the ancient city of Babylon, between the Tigris and the Euphrates Rivers, the probable location of the Garden of Eden. Designate a particular spot in the territory as the "Garden of Eden". As the promise of God to Abraham and his immediate followers is talked about, do the same thing with the country near Ur of the Chaldees, printing in the name of the city. Then with the discussion of the promise to Israel and to the prophets fill in the whole of the land of Palestine, including territory east of the Jordan, noting the location of Assyria and of Babylon. (Pages 19-21)

As the "Fulfillment" is discussed locate Bethlehem, Nazareth and Jerusalem. Then as the discussion of the "Plan of Propagation" is given, complete the whole map of both eastern and western hemispheres. At the end of this topic take red crayon and draw a red cross over the map. If the map has not been completed by the time the speaker has finished talking, (Concluded on Page 34)

Program Material

Prepared by Mrs. C. D. Cressman, Tennessee

THEME for YEAR: STEADFAST PURPOSE in a CHANGING WORLD

TOPIC for MONTH: The Eternal Purpose of God (Redemption)

Hymn for Year—How Firm a Foundation

Watchword for Year—Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord—I Cor. 15:58.

Bible Study—Learning to Love the Bible—Psa. 19; Luke 4:16-22 (Page 11)

Prayer that our love for the Bible may increase through this year

Hymn—Wonderful Words of Life

—A New Program Theme

The Promise of Redemption

—Hymn—Standing on the Promises

The Fulfillment of Promise

—The Plan of Propagation

Prayer thanking God for the privilege of personal witnessing

The Proof of Redemption

A Changed Life

The Test of Obedience

A Shining Light

A Singing Salvation

Facing Danger

As Year Succeeds to Year

Hymn—Lead On, O King Eternal

Prayer that we may not fail in our part of God's eternal purpose in redemption

A NEW PROGRAM THEME

The gates of time have swung open to usher in a new year.

"Standing with folded wings of mystery,
The New Year waits to greet us—you and me.

Her arms are full of gifts, her feet are shod
All fitly for rough roads or velvet sod;
Her eyes are steady with belief in God.

Her voice falls sweetly as a vesper bell
Where trust and hope all lesser notes dispel;
Scarce knowing why, we feel that all is well.

She smiles a little as she turns away,
Breathing a promise for each coming day;
And we—we pause a little while to pray".

Among the gifts which each new year brings to Woman's Missionary Union are a new watchword, a new hymn and a new program theme.

This year these three are beautifully blended in their thought and in their message to members of W.M.U. Our new watchword bids us: "Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord" (I Cor. 15:58). Our new hymn—"How Firm a Foundation"—tells us of the firm foundation of our faith,

found in the Word of God, on which we can stand, steadfast and unmovable, while we abound in the service of the Lord. And all of our programs will be based on the same thought of firmness and steadfastness as we use the program theme, "Steadfast Purpose in a Changing World".

A Changing World—A new year always brings thoughts of changes that have transpired since the beginning of the last year. In our household we remember that certain pieces of furniture have worn out and been replaced by others. Or perhaps we have moved from one location to another. We measure the inches that the children have grown and mark their advancement in their school work. We notice the added gray hairs and the increased wrinkles indicating that the older members of the family are a year older. We remember that certain faces seen a year ago are here no more. Certain changes have taken place in the aspect of the town or countryside where we live—old landmarks are gone, new houses have been erected, new roads opened, new people have moved in and old friends have moved away. New joys and new sorrows have come to the lives of the people. So many things can happen in a home or in a community in one short year!

Then as we look at the world as a whole we see changes—many changes! There are changes in styles, changes in governments, changes in national alliances, changes in education, changes in moral ideals, changes in public opinion, changes in modes of living as result of discoveries and inventions, changes in the earth's surface produced by earthquakes, storms etc. Changes, changes, changes in everything!

"Change and decay in all around I see".

A Steadfast Purpose—Amid all these changes are some things which change not. Nations may rise and fall; but the sun, moon and stars move in the same courses that they kept when Adam and Eve walked in the Garden of Eden. Floods, earthquakes and fires may change the surface of the earth; but the laws of nature never change. Public opinion and moral ideals may change; but right is always right and wrong is always wrong. And with all the changes that the years, the centuries and the millenniums bring, God's eternal purpose, "which He purposed in Christ Jesus", remains unchanged. That purpose is expressed in the one word—**redemption**—redemption for a world lost in sin.

Through all the changes of the past—when nations have risen and fallen, when monarchies have given away to democracies and democracies to dictatorships, when new worlds have been discovered and scientific research has brought to light the marvelous powers of nature, and when men have moralized and philosophized in their search for truth, only to lay aside one theory on the discovery of another—through all of this God has been working His purpose out for the redemption of a lost world. And as we look toward the future we realize that the sun may some day cease to shine, the stars may some night fail to twinkle in the heavens, the tides of the ocean may forget their rising and falling, the mountains may be moved into the midst of the sea, the heavens and earth may pass away, but the eternal purpose of God will never change. "Now abideth faith, hope and love, these three, but the greatest of these is love"—the love of God that planned the redemption of a lost world.

The PROMISE of REDEMPTION

To Eve—God's first promise of redemption for a lost world came immediately following the coming of sin into the world. Probably a very short time elapsed between the moment when the world was lost and the moment of God's promise for its salvation. This promise was given first to her who had committed the first sin. How forlorn—how hopeless Eve must have felt when she realized the result of her disobedience to God—driven from her beautiful garden home, no

longer permitted to walk with God in the cool of the day, a curse pronounced on her and on all of her children! As she looked on the sky made black by her own sin, she saw a star of hope shining—the star of God's promise of redemption. And that redemption was to come through her children, for God promised that "the seed of the woman" would some day "bruise the serpent's head". Yes, Satan, in the form of a serpent, had beguiled Eve into sin, but God was promising that one of her children would trample on the head of the serpent.

The eternal justice of God brought a curse on Adam and Eve and on all their children who should people the earth throughout the ages. But the eternal mercy of God provided a way of salvation. God never forgot His promise to Eve, and the Old Testament tells the story of how He worked through many centuries to bring a fulfillment of that promise. The star of hope that appeared in Eve's sky kept on shining until it stood over the place where a young child lay—the seed of the woman come to bruise the serpent's head—a child of Eve and of God, come to conquer the forces of Satan, a Redeemer come to save the world from its sins.

To Abraham—After God gave His promise to Eve many centuries passed by when there was no apparent sign of His doing anything to keep that promise. And yet we know that through all of this period God watched over the human race and over the world. "Even in the meager record of the centuries from Adam to Abraham there is ample evidence of His gracious designs toward man. There is sure proof that He did not intend for the earth to become the complete possession of Satan". When the world grew so sinful that God was compelled to destroy it by a flood, He preserved the human race through Noah, the only righteous man found on the face of the earth, and through the children of Noah He repopulated the earth.

About four hundred years after the flood God took a definite step toward carrying out His redemptive purpose for the world. He spoke to a man named Abram, saying: "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto the land that I will show thee". What a strange and drastic command was this—that a man should leave his home and his kindred and all things familiar and precious to go he knew not where! But along with that command God gave a wonderful promise—"And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee and make thy name great . . . and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed". This is another expression of the same promise which God gave to Eve. One of Abram's children was to be the seed that would bruise the serpent's head. God was calling Abram not only to bless him but to make him a blessing to the whole world. He was separating him from all other men in order that he might be a blessing to all men. The promise made to him was to be the "main-spring of hope to the race".

Now when God promised to make of Abram a great nation and a blessing to all nations, he had no children. While still there was no son in his house, God changed his name to Abraham—meaning "the father of a multitude"—indicating the purpose He had in producing through this man a family line through which redemption should come. Even after this, several years passed before Isaac, the "child of promise", was born. But at last he came—a miracle child, one of the steps in God's eternal purpose of redemption. To Isaac was repeated the promise given to his father, as God said to him: "I will establish the oath which I swear unto Abraham, thy father . . . and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed".

Of Isaac's two sons God chose the second born—Jacob—for his divine purpose and to him too, in a vision at Bethel, came the promise: "In thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed". All the children of Jacob in-

herited the blessings of God and became His chosen nation, but to Judah, one of the sons of Jacob, was passed on the Messianic promise. We read that Jacob blessed Judah, saying: "The scepter shall not depart from Judah . . . and unto him shall the obedience of the peoples be".

It is significant that in all of God's promises to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Judah the whole world is included. These were not chosen for God's special favor just for their own sakes, but for the sake of others. "All families", "all nations" and "the peoples" are the phrases used in describing the extent of God's blessings to these chosen ones.

To Israel—Through all of God's dealings with Israel can be traced His eternal purpose of redemption. He never let this chosen people forget their universal mission. Even before the law was given God said to this new-born nation at Sinai: "Ye shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests". A priest is one who interprets God to others. Such was Israel's mission—to interpret God, His nature, His law and His purposes to the world. She was to be a priest among the nations that all might know the glory of Jehovah.

As we read in the Old Testament the history of this priestly nation we find God's missionary message and purpose on almost every page. Provision was made in the law for justice to a stranger within their gates. At the time of the dedication of the temple Solomon included the foreigner in his prayer. Many of the psalms are missionary in their content, "setting forth the glories of God's universal reign, calling all nations and all people to worship Him, foretelling the time when all nations would turn to Him and commanding Jehovah's servants to make Him known to all men". Yes, the Old Testament is a missionary book, showing God's missionary purpose in Israel—as her poets sang of salvation for the whole world; as the sacrifices of her priests typified the shedding of the blood of a redeemer for all people; as the failure of her kings demonstrated the need of a king who would rule the world in righteousness and as the message of her prophets foretold the coming of a Messiah not for Israel alone but for all people.

To Prophets—To discuss all that the Old Testament prophets taught about God's redemptive purpose for the world would be impossible in one short program, for it would take in all the prophetic writings of the Old Testament. All of Israel's prophets taught that "Jehovah was the God of the gentiles as well as the Jew; that the Kingdom of God was to include all nations as well as Israel".

Many of the prophets felt that their mission was not only to Israel but to other nations as well. Amos proclaimed the judgments of Jehovah on the six neighbors of Judah and Israel. Jeremiah understood his prophetic call to be as "prophet of the nations". Jonah was given the direct command to deliver God's message to a foreign people and, when he tried to escape this responsibility, drastic means were used to bring him to obedience. Unwillingly he preached God's judgment to Nineveh, but willingly did God forgive these people "not of the household of Israel" when they repented and turned to Him.

With many prophetic messages did the prophets foretell the coming of Him who was to fulfill God's eternal purpose of redemption. The nature and place of His birth were foretold, and incidents of His life were described with startling accuracy. The manner of His death and burial was also foretold and many promises of His universal reign were given. Over and over were given such promises as this: "Of the increase of His government and of peace there shall be no end; upon the throne of David, and upon His Kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from henceforth even forever".

The Old Testament ended with God's people looking and waiting for God's

fulfillment of His promise. The New Testament opens with His people still looking and waiting. It is sadly true that most of them had lost the spiritual significance of God's purpose in Israel, identifying His Kingdom with their own national dominion, but while they were waiting for the coming of a Messiah for Israel, God was working His purpose out not only for Israel but for the whole world.

The FULFILLMENT

IT WAS at least four thousand years after God's promise to Eve, at least two thousand years after His call of Abraham and about four hundred years after the last prophet foretold a coming Messiah before God fulfilled His promise of sending redemption to the world. But "in the fulness of time" God sent His Son to be the Savior of the world. Through all the centuries God had been preparing that everything might be ready for the advent of the Messiah, and in God's time He came, a baby in a manger in Bethlehem.

Many conditions made the time when Christ was born a fitting time for the greatest event in all history. The whole world was united in the great Roman Empire, thus making it easy for the new religious movement to spread rapidly. A great system of roads extending from Rome to the borders of the empire in every direction furnished highways over which the chariots of the Gospel could travel. The classic Greek was ready in its most perfect form to be used as the language of the New Testament. There was a group of faithful Jews in Palestine—waiting and longing for the hope of Israel—a priest and his wife in the hill country of Judea ready to be the parents of the great forerunner, a virgin in Nazareth ready to be the mother of the Messiah, aged Anna and Simeon waiting to see the salvation of the Lord.

When Alexander the Great spread the dominion of Greece into Asia Minor he didn't know that he was the instrument of God, carrying the Greek language into the country where the New Testament was to be written. When the Caesars spread the Roman Empire to the ends of the earth and built roads as highways of Roman conquest and commerce, they didn't know that they were God's agents preparing the world for the advent of His Son and for the spread of His salvation. Zacharias and Elizabeth didn't know, as they faithfully served God to a good old age, that they had been chosen for an important part in the fulfillment of God's redemptive purpose. Mary, growing up in Nazareth, keeping her life pure and her heart centered on God, did not dream that God through her would give His Son to the world. But all these and many others, from the time of Adam on down to the day of the advent of Jesus, were used by God in the working out of His redemptive purpose for mankind.

So in the fulness of time, "the fulness of love, the fulness of hope and the fulness of forgiveness of all men everywhere", He came—Jesus, the seed of the woman sent to bruise the serpent's head, the promised son of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Judah, the Divine Prophet sent to make a full revelation of God's will, the Heavenly Priest sent to offer Himself a perfect sacrifice, a sin offering for the race, the Divine King, appointed to overturn the rule of Satan and to set up a Kingdom of righteousness—Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, sent to redeem a lost world.

The PLAN of PROPAGATION

GOD NOT ONLY planned to send His Son into the world that all who believed on Him should be saved, but He also planned exactly how this good news of redemption should be given to the whole world. That plan for the spread of the Gospel is as much of God's eternal purpose as is His plan for bringing the Redeemer into the world.

In this plan of God for the spread of His Gospel the individual is the important factor. Each individual must hear, receive, believe and accept the Gospel in his own soul in order to be saved. No father can receive Christ for his family, no chief can believe for his clan, no king can force conversion on a nation. That plan of mass conversion has been tried and always it has failed, for it is not God's plan. One statement of the Great Commission is: "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations". But another statement is: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature", thus indicating that all nations are to be won by the "creatures" in the nations accepting Christ one by one.

Not only are people to be saved as individuals but each individual is to become an agent for the salvation of others. "A redeemed man is Christ's agent in redemption". Just as we are saved through our personal relationship to Jesus Christ so are we to go forth to win others by personal witnessing, bringing them into the same personal relationship to Christ that we ourselves enjoy.

How personal was Jesus' work while here on earth! He called His disciples to Him one by one. We find Him giving a whole evening to talk to one man, Nicodemus. Again He sits beside a well and speaks profound truth to one woman, the sinful Samaritan. When surrounded by a crowd of people He looked up to see Zaccheus and to call him down that He might show him the way of salvation. While on the cross, dying for the salvation of uncounted billions of people, He turned to offer that salvation to a lost man, hanging on a companion cross.

So, following the example of Jesus, which was according to the Father's plan of redemption, we must go forth as personal witnesses of His grace. Each individual must try to reach all other individuals he possibly can with his personal witness. Then we must send missionaries who shall be personal witnesses to the ends of the world.

This personal witnessing can be done by different methods, all of which we believe are according to God's will. *We can witness by preaching*—Jesus and His disciples did—and His direct command is to preach the Gospel to every creature. *We can witness by teaching*—Jesus and the apostles did—and the Great Commission commands teaching. *We can witness by healing* and thereby again follow the example and obey the commands of the Great Healer. *We can witness through the printed page*. We would not have the New Testament if the early followers of Jesus had not written down what they saw and heard in order to pass on their personal witness to others. By these methods are we to go forth, commanded by Jesus and empowered by His Holy Spirit, to bear personal witness as individuals to individuals, of the power of God to save unto the uttermost those who believe on His Son, Jesus Christ.

This is a part of God's great eternal purpose of redemption. Dare we fail in our part of His plan? Dare we fail to pass on the riches of His grace to other individuals waiting to receive it from us?

The PROOF of REDEMPTION

Leader—A proof of redemption is found in the lives of the redeemed. Stories which come from different mission fields will prove to us the power of redemptive grace in the hearts of people.

A Changed Life

She was a crazy old Chinese woman. All the people of the village where she lived knew her by sight, for she was often seen wandering through the streets, singing foolish songs for those who would offer her pennies in exchange for her entertainment. Always she was filthy and ragged and often she showed evidences of a muddled mind. "She has a devil", the villagers whispered to each other.

One day a missionary came to the village where this old woman lived and she, seeing others enter the little chapel, decided to go in too. There she heard songs of love. There she heard the story of Jesus. At first her poor old insane mind could not understand what it was all about. But there was a fascination about the service, so after that whenever a meeting was in progress she would follow the other women into the chapel and try to sing the songs and memorize the verses along with the others. The Christian women began to pray for her and taught her to pray for herself. Jesus heard and answered those prayers. The old woman's soul was saved. A wonderful change took place. Her mind became perfectly sane. Her face, once smeared with spittle and blank because of her crazed mind became clean and shining with the light of love. Her filthy rags were replaced by clean garments. "What has happened to her?" the villagers asked. "Oh, Jesus has come into her heart and changed her life", answered those who knew and understood.

A changed life is a proof of redemption.

The Test of Obedience

"I won't go back to work tomorrow", said a new Chinese convert to his boss on Saturday night. "Why not?" asked his amazed employer. "Because I am a Christian now and Jesus, my Lord, says that I must not work on the Sabbath day", was the answer. The boss was infuriated and retorted, "You will either come back tomorrow or you will have no job". The man did not go back on the morrow. When he returned on Monday morning the still angry boss said: "Get away from here. You have lost your job".

The obedient Christian started out to try to find a new job. For days and weeks he searched but no one would employ a man who refused to work on Sunday. Finally he said, "Since God does not help me find work He must want me to spend all my time working for Him". So instead of looking for a job he began looking for people to win to Christ. Here and there he went, telling of Jesus' love: many have been saved by his personal testimony. And the wonderful part about this story is that God has provided for this obedient servant and his family all necessary material needs.

Obedience to God's command is a proof of redemption.

A Shining Light

She was not the most brilliant student in our training school for girls in Budapest. In fact she had had only three years of schooling before she came to this school. Her teachers and fellow students feared that she would not be able to keep up with her classes. But she worked hard and her classmates helped her. All wanted her to succeed for she had a sweet, consecrated spirit and they knew that back in her village home there was a little church needing her leadership. In that church were only ten members, almost all of whom had been won to Christ by this girl.

Commencement came, the girl took her examinations and graduated with her class. Back home she went to share with her church all the good things she had learned in the training school. And there she is today, a shining light, leading the members of that small church, set amid the darkness of Europe's strife in shining service for Jesus.

Consecrated service is a proof of redemption.

A Singing Salvation

"These new people who have moved to our village sing all the time", said the people of a certain Mexican town near Monterrey. "The man sings about his work, the woman sings about her house and the children sing at their play". Then, as

they continued to marvel at their singing neighbors, remarks like these were made: "Their songs are not like those of the Catholic priests. We can understand all the words, and they are beautiful. Where did these people learn to sing such beautiful songs?"

The answer to this question is a thrilling one. The singing family had once lived in a Texas city and there they had come in contact with a missionary of the Home Mission Board of southern Baptists. Through his ministry they had learned the love of Jesus; and that love, accepted in their hearts, had taught them to sing beautiful Christian songs. The time had come when they had moved from the Texas city back into old Mexico, and they had carried with them singing hearts. And so in the village where there were no other Christians they had kept singing of Jesus and His love.

The neighbors, hearing these songs, decided that they would find out more about them. So in the evenings they went to the homes of the new people to hear the singing. This humble Baptist man—not a preacher and not a speaker—sang his songs, read his Bible and gave his simple testimony until many of those who came to listen believed and accepted Jesus as their Savior.

One day the missionary back in Texas received a letter from the man in Mexico, asking for a church letter to join a church with 100 members. Yes, the singing and testimony of this man had won this large group to Christ. Home missions had become foreign missions as one man won by a home missionary had gone to a foreign land to sing the Gospel into the hearts of a foreign people.

Passing the Gospel on to others is a proof of redemption.

Facing Danger

"Why don't you go away?" said loving Chinese Christians to missionary friends at the beginning of the Japanese invasion. "Why don't you go away from such great danger? You have your beautiful country to which to flee. We have no place to go. We must stay here. But you need not stay and risk your precious lives. You can return to America and be safe and happy. Why don't you go?" To which the missionaries replied: "We do not go away because we do not hold our own lives dear. We have given ourselves to Jesus to serve Him here. This is no time to leave when our Chinese friends need us and when many opportunities are offered to minister to suffering people and to tell them of Jesus. We believe that Jesus wants us here and we will not go away. We will stay here and face all the dangers of war with you for Jesus' sake".

Sacrificial living is a proof of redemption.

(The writer is indebted to Misses Ruby Daniel and Wilma Bucy—and to letters from other missionaries—for facts contained in these stories.)

AS YEAR SUCCEEDS to YEAR

DO WE sometimes get discouraged about conditions in the world? Are we facing this New Year with fear in our hearts because of threatening calamities? Are we tempted to feel that Christ is failing and that wrong is prevailing? Do we feel that it is hardly worth while to go on trying to win the world to Christ?

If any such shadows are falling across the rising sun of this New Year let us hasten to dispel them by fixing our thoughts on the steadfastness of God's purpose. Let us remember that through all the centuries He has been working His purpose out and that He will continue steadfast in the promotion of His redemptive pur-

pose through this year and through all the years to come, until His Kingdom shall come and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

Not all of God's redemptive promises have been fulfilled, but they will be—every one of them—in His own good time. His children shall win the victory over sin. He will give the kingdoms of this earth to the King of kings, who will set up a Kingdom of love and peace and righteousness that shall last forever and ever. Ours is to believe His promise and to obey His commands. We must be "steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord", knowing that

"God is working His purpose out,
As year succeeds to year:
God is working His purpose out,
And the time is drawing near.

Nearer and nearer draws the time,
The time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea".

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Discuss the connection between the new W.M.U. watchword, hymn and program theme.
2. Discuss the changes taking place in the world constantly.
3. Discuss the steadfastness of God's eternal purpose of salvation.
4. To whom was God's promise of redemption first given?
5. Tell of the significance of God's call to Abraham.
6. Tell of the world-wide mission of the nation of Israel.
7. Discuss the missionary work and writings of the prophets.
8. How did God prepare the world for the coming of Christ?
9. What is God's plan for the propagation of the Gospel?
10. Discuss methods of personal witnessing.
11. Mention some proofs of redemption found on mission fields.
12. Why should the Christian never be discouraged over world conditions?

REFERENCE MATERIAL

The following list of reference material 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.

The Window of Y.W.A.	—World Comrades
The Commission	—Southern Baptist Home Missions
State Denominational Papers	
Missions in the Bible.....	Dr. J. B. Lawrence
Missions in the Plan of the Ages.....	Dr. W. O. Carver
All the World in All the Word.....	Dr. W. O. Carver

Our Young People

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

JANUARY

J—January always speaks with an urgent voice asking that we "forget the things that are passed and press forward toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus". When we think of what He has called us from in our salvation and invited us to in service we are immediately mindful of the effort we should put forth to reach toward His loving expectations in us, lest we handicap the progress of His purpose of world redemption through us.

A—Abiding in Him with complete devotion we will have power to work in His name. No counselor or young people's director can succeed in planting missionary passion in the hearts of her members without a burning zeal, caught from the yearning of God for this weary agonized world. By conscious abiding through personal prayer and meditation, ability and winsome power will characterize otherwise discouraged inadequate leaders.

N—No one expects Heavenly power without hearty promotion of the work faithfully and well given. "Faith without works is dead". Be as diligent and zealous as possible in your work. Purchase from W.M.U. Literature Department, 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham, Ala., the needed supplies for 1940: in your organization manuals you will find these listed and prices given. Get a Standard of Excellence wall chart, pins, seals, armbands, manuals for officers, chairmen and members. Do not try to work without tools. Send in many new subscriptions to *World Comrades* and to *The Window of Y.W.A.*; many children and older young people have Christmas gift money to spend and this will be a valued use for \$1. You need at least three copies for the organization to use, besides those for the individual.

U—You should be the strategic person in the subscription life of the members of the organization for which you are counselor, or in the life of the several organizations which you help plan for as W.M.U. young people's director. Have you studied *Telling You How or Leading into Missions* (price 35c from your state Baptist bookstore)? Have you the *Guide for Counselors of Girls' Auxiliaries* (price 25c)? The *Guide for Counselors of Order of Royal Ambassadors* (price 25c)? Have you taken the Correspondence Course? (See W.M.U. Year Book for 1940, page 71, and paragraphs in each article on the Graded W.M.U.)

A-1—This new year's record can be made A-1 if you hereby highly resolve to make it so. Present the Standard of Excellence wall chart to the members, discuss each point, not as a rigid requirement but as a reminder of the different phases of missionary education activity which can be entered into. Let officers and committees and members study their organization manual and know what to do and how to do it.

R—Read as much as you possibly can about missions. From an empty or uninterested, uninformed mind or heart no spark of enthusiasm flies to lodge and kindle new missionary fires in another breast. Always read all through *World Comrades*, *The Window of Y.W.A.* and *Royal Service*. Read *The Commission* and *Southern Baptist Home Missions*. Read the missionary news in your state Baptist paper. Read the mission study books and biographies, many of them. (See catalogue from your Baptist bookstore.)

Y—Y is for the youth you are leading or directing. In them are all the rich possibilities for tomorrow, the tomorrow that will yet come, a tomorrow of peace and justice, of love and good will, the tomorrow of the Kingdom of God.

College Y.W.A.

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STEADFAST . . . CHANGING

Up and down hospital halls, in and out of college classrooms, Y.W.A. members are moving at their customary pace, busy at their customary tasks, but in their minds and hearts there are whirling questions: "What is happening on the western front? Will Great Britain and France win? Will America go to war? Will Japan march on in China? Will Russia seize more territory? Will . . . ? Will . . . ?" Our W.M.U. missionary topics theme for 1940—"Steadfast Purpose in a Changing World"—will steady Y.W.A. feet to a firmer tread as they are reminded of the sure purpose of God, of the ultimate triumph of Christ Jesus and the final reign, the Kingdom of God. But the questioning minds, firm in renewed confidence and faith, must be stabilized too by linking missionary interpretation and action to questions arising from current happenings. These days should bring new zest for mission study and adequate mission programs.

The complications of international affairs across the Atlantic will be better understood after an earnest study of Dr. Gill's books, *Europe and the Gospel*, and *Europe—Christ or Chaos*, with Mrs. Maddy's *Believers and Builders in Europe* making the people of fearful Rumania, Hungary and Yugoslavia and doubtful Italy real living friends who are not wanting to march to war, to danger and death any more than Americans do. Have such a mission study course, asking some informed person to bring the discussion right up-to-the-last minute.

Looking across the Pacific our hearts are torn by China's courage in the face of Japan's aggression which is so ably supplied by Americans with machinery, with gasoline for bombing raids, with scrap iron for bullets—more than half the material for Japan's devastation of China has been going from the shores of America. In our concern about European affairs, we must not lose sight of the situation in the orient. Many Y.W.A.'s are citizens of America and can and should have convictions regarding trade treaties with Japan. Articles in the autumn numbers of *The Window of Y.W.A.* have sought to keep the matter before our thoughtful Christian young women. Now, in January, study the matter

even more carefully. Write to the American Committee for Non-Participation in Japanese Aggression, 2 W. 40th Street, New York, N. Y., for literature: order such pamphlets as *Who Bought the Bomb* (5c), *America's Share in Japan's War Guilt* (15c). A thoughtful discussion of the whole subject is presented in *Has America a Stake in the Far East?* (Columbia University Press, New York, price 10c. Some State Baptist Bookstores can supply these.) It is poor comfort when reading of the bombing of our hospitals or schools in China to realize that 100 per cent of the high content gasoline which flies those raiding planes is bought in America. As citizens of a democracy it is not only our privilege but our right and duty to follow our humanitarian instincts and at once ask Congress to pass necessary bills to stop American businesses from all sales which supply Japan with materials for her present aggressive warfare against China.

China is open to the Gospel message in her hour of agony. Our missionaries stay steadfast at their posts. Shall we supply them with horror from bombs and bullets, with more sick and wounded, with more refugees? Or shall we thoughtfully, prayerfully help them have opportunity in peace to preach and teach? In our year of 1940, missions asks for action: our prayers for a just peace, yes; our gifts for the progress of the work, yes; our lives for missionary service in the future, yes; but now letters which say to our representatives and senators in Congress—"As Christians we do not believe it is necessary to American business to coin money out of China's death. Please do all you can to see that proper legislation stops American participation in Japan's guilt."

This is not a matter of politics or of parties but of Christian thought, of interest in the future of China as a factor in the progress of the Kingdom of God. Y.W.A.'s want to help in all that builds for peace, in all that helps—not hinders—the working out of the steadfast purpose of God in our changing world. Let us keep current events linked up with our missionary thinking, growing to be increasingly world Christians, true to God's steadfast purpose in our shifting, changing world.

ITEM for JANUARY 1

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Happy
New Year!

NEW is an oft recurring word in the Bible. The psalmist sings of a "new song"; Isaiah prophesies "new things" such as a "new name, new heavens, new earth"; Jesus establishes a "new covenant" and gives a "new commandment"; Paul describes the "new creature in Christ Jesus"; John sees the "new Jerusalem" and anticipates the "new song". Yes, both the Old and the New Testaments recurrently use the heartening word *new*.

YEAR by year, month by month, ROYAL SERVICE supplies new facts, presents new appeals, inspires new devotion on the part of its host of readers. Anew they realize that "God hath put a new song in the mouth, even praise unto our God"; like Ezekiel they believe God's promise to "put a new spirit within". Therefore ROYAL SERVICE seeks anew to increase its usefulness by requesting individuals, circles, societies to renew or subscribe at 50c a year for

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Training School

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

"WHERE CROSS the CROWDED WAYS"

ALL who have attended a Training School commencement since 1912 will remember the stirring strains of the Processional from the "Pa-geant of Darkness and Light". As the white-robed graduates sing their way down the aisle each girl looks eagerly toward her open door of opportunity. The audience is moved by the earnest spirit in which they go out to "take the wonder and the glory of the Light" to north, south, east and west.

One wonders, though, how many commencement visitors ever realize how much light has already been shed in the darkness of downtown Louisville even while the students have been training for future fields of service. Each day—morning, noon and night—the girls may be seen leaving the School which is located on one of the city's busiest corners, to serve in missions, churches, settlements and hospitals. They touch all ages from the nursery child with plastic mind to the aged, care-worn woman in the Mothers' Club of mission or settlement. The work covers everything from recreational leadership to actual Bible teaching and soul winning. This year the students are distributed as follows: twenty-six work in the Training School's Good Will Center; sixteen in other Christian settlements; nine in mission Sunday schools; twenty lead in various departments of seven churches; two lead a B.T.U. and a choir at the Orphans' Home; three teach Sunday school at the tuberculosis sanitarium; two assist with the B.S.U. organizations of the University of Louisville and the Kentucky Baptist Hospital; two visit among the Jews with a view to winning them to Christ; ten teach in Negro missions; one teaches at the Negro Baptist University; one teaches at the Negro Y.W.C.A. During the month of October the total time spent by all students in field work approximated 2,500 hours.

As a rule each student meets her club or class once a week and spends one afternoon visiting in the homes of members or prospective members. Frequently she meets her group for parties, hikes or some personal service activity in which they are engaged. She bends every effort really to know and understand each individual so that she may at all times give wise Christian guidance.

Besides the regularly assigned field work, which is required of every student, the Personal Service Committee of the School's Y.W.A. sponsors several projects. These activities are carried on largely in hospitals where the constituency changes frequently and it is not necessary for one person to carry through the year. Sunday school classes are taught in one Negro and one white hospital. The nurses of the City Hospital are led in an evening of recreation once a week. Perhaps the most interesting and worthwhile of these projects is the delivering of the "Sunshine Bags". On Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week three girls go to the City Hospital to assist in this service which is sponsored by all the churches of the city through the local Council of Churches. The girls take turns doing this so that each one goes only once a month. The hospital has an average monthly turnover of five hundred patients. Every patient receives from a visitor a neat, brightly colored print bag. In the bag are a Gospel, pieces of religious literature, poems, games and other articles that will bring cheer to the sick. There is also a card requesting the name, address and church membership or preference. The visitors take these cards and they are turned over to the pastors of churches nearest the homes of the patients. In this way it is hoped that all religious work done in the hospital can be carefully followed up. Naturally opportunity for Christian service frequently presents itself. The plan, which has been in effect about a year, has proved quite successful; we are told that the Christian tact, faithfulness and enthusiasm of our girls are largely responsible for its effectiveness.—Miss Claudia Edwards, Supervisor of Field Work

Margaret Fund

Chairman: Mrs. H. M. Rhodes, Tennessee

Jehovah hath been mindful of us.—Psa. 115:12

TIME stands still for no man. As we enter the new year of 1940 we are reminded of many things—unfinished tasks, new duties and responsibilities with their attendant joys and problems. We are happy that "Margaret Fund" has had such a splendid year and we most gratefully thank our Heavenly Father for His watchcare. There have been few illnesses among the students; many honors have come to present and former students; in varying degrees all have shown themselves worthy of the honor and trust that have been given them by southern Baptist W.M.U.

We wish to remind all of our missionaries, who desire Margaret Fund assistance for their sons and daughters for next year, that such requests for applications be made immediately to the chairman—Mrs. H. M. Rhodes, 269 Kenilworth Place, Memphis, Tennessee. This requirement applies to new students as well as present students, though the latter may make their own application.

Applicant must be son or daughter of a regular missionary of Foreign Mission Board, S.B.C., in active service, receiving the regular missionary salary, or of a former missionary who has served on foreign field at least one term, who was retired on account of ill health incurred in active service on the field and whose health continues to be so seriously impaired as to limit greatly his earning capacity in this country; or one who at death was serving under the Foreign Mission Board, S.B.C.

Or applicant must be son or daughter of a regular missionary in active service under the Home Mission Board, S.B.C., receiving the regular missionary salary, or who has served at least six years as a regular S.B.C. missionary and who has retired on account of ill health incurred in active service and whose health continues to be so seriously impaired as to greatly limit his earning capacity in this country; or one who at death was serving under the Home Mission Board, S.B.C.

Or applicant must be son or daughter of those who served twenty years or more as regular missionaries under S.B.C. Foreign Mission Board or under S.B.C. Home Mission Board.

Applicant must be at least 15 years of age, preferably not less than 16.

Applicant must be of studious habits and good character. Applicant is requested to furnish references as to these qualifications from at least two persons not members of the family. If possible, it is the desire of the committee that one of these be a former teacher's reference. Recommendations must accompany application.

We also wish to call the attention of W.M.U. organizations to the "Burney Gifts", a description of which has been in former issues of this magazine. These gifts will have been sent to the students for the second time this school year when you receive this magazine issue. Many offerings have been made to this fund but will you be sure that they are forwarded promptly and regularly according to your state plan?

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, Auxiliary to SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
THIRD QUARTERLY REPORT—July 1 to October 1, 1939
 Compiled by W.M.U. Treasurer

States	Reported by State Treasurers as Having Been Contributed by W.M.U. Members						Received by W.M.U. Treasurer			Total
	100,000 Club	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Ministerial Relief	Christian Education	State and Other Objects in S.B.C.	State Appt. Tr. School	W.M.U. Training Fund	Scholarship Special Gifts	
Alabama.....	\$ 2,633.87	\$ 3,659.03	\$ 1,603.96	\$ 634.51	\$ 5,018.92	\$ 10,520.51	\$ 300.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 69.25	\$ 24,340.05
Arizona.....	66.25	50.30	23.50	7.04	17.27	461.06	9.50	.....	1.95	636.87
Arkansas.....	647.96	1,340.14	570.10	148.99	1,417.81	5,549.04	145.57	200.00	5.00	10,024.61
D. C.....	151.00	57.03	.....	.....	.....	300.00	.....	100.00	.....	608.03
Florida.....	1,904.87	3,413.82	1,422.27	544.70	2,756.39	5,967.18	125.02	200.00	20.00	16,354.25
Georgia.....	3,918.57	1,826.61	1,908.84	53.25	37.51	33,116.90	685.69	600.00	1,072.55	41,501.92
Illinois.....	292.50	193.48	207.77	1.49	1,018.27	5,180.84	88.33	300.00	2.20	7,098.38
Kentucky.....	2,809.08	6,807.73	2,987.19	1,316.67	4,148.48	13,692.17	548.59	70.00	5,088.81	37,468.72
Louisiana.....	1,695.64	1,172.62	547.20	164.18	1,388.99	10,975.50	.....	.....	12.00	15,956.13
Maryland.....	27.00	867.73	419.56	118.37	2,706.73	2,604.64	350.00	300.00	.....	4,574.03
Mississippi.....	832.38	1,181.95	527.83	223.40	1,709.62	5,373.00	390.00	70.00	6.00	10,704.18
Missouri.....	1,440.48	2,756.69	1,245.15	522.02	3,364.47	8,237.80	70.00	.....	2.00	18,028.61
New Mexico.....	56.65	6.50	6.50	.....	180.00	6,994.42	.....	700.00	6.00	7,320.07
N. Carolina.....	3,840.57	7,845.36	3,240.75	1,423.86	18,480.30	16,457.84	850.00	.....	.....	52,838.68
Oklahoma.....	692.00	2,136.40	672.77	312.06	3,112.44	8,550.09	.....	250.00	.....	15,703.70
S. Carolina.....	483.61	6,505.62	3,025.75	1,328.07	1,277.89	17,270.96	500.00	400.00	.....	30,791.90
Tennessee.....	3,088.74	8,255.69	3,701.50	1,623.53	8,898.19	16,830.00	.....	400.00	1,632.11	44,429.76
Texas.....	2,798.66	9,532.71	4,142.01	2,810.75	19,178.19	48,747.35	.....	.....	.....	87,209.67
Virginia.....	259.22	12,758.56	5,061.28	2,172.24	12,825.97	22,138.62	500.00	.....	.....	55,715.89
Totals.....	\$27,639.05	\$70,567.97	\$29,408.93	\$13,405.07	\$85,067.44	\$238,947.92	\$4,563.20	\$4,490.00	\$7,917.87	\$481,807.45

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Current Missionary Events

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

Entering the New Year with the map of Europe and other parts of the world in the process of change, with strange alliances and with both civil and religious liberty on the defensive in many nations, the program theme of Woman's Missionary Union for the year—"Steadfast Purpose in a Changing World"—seems unusually timely and appropriate. This is particularly true of the topic for study in January, "The Eternal Purpose of God". Every evidence that seems to point to the fact that God is still in His world and "is working His purpose out as year succeeds to year" should claim the attention of every W.M.U. member and be the cause of encouragement and strength as we work together, in this year of our Lord 1940, under the watchword: "Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58).

From *The World Dominion*, an international quarterly, have been gleaned the following items which like straw in the wind show the trend of things in Russia concerning the Godless Movement and of religious matters in other countries.

"The Godless Movement", says a Russian paper, "has scarcely touched the 40,000,000 elementary school children; a demand is made for the training of staffs of teachers to eradicate religious influences among children. Parents are warned against forbidding their children to attend Godless classes". We wonder why this is necessary unless it be that many Russian parents yet hold to their faith in God in spite of persecution!

The Antireligionist, another Russian paper, discusses in an article the grave danger to the "Godless Movement" of various international women's organizations in Europe and the United States of America. Three are especially mentioned—International League of Catholic Women, International Association of Young Women and women's church organizations in the United States of America.

"The International Godless Circles report that during recent months, as a result of the delicate international situation, interest in the Godless problem has declined and that a growth of interest in religion is noted in many countries".

The Provisional Church Council in Munich recently issued a survey based on a number of reports from higher institutions which makes serious reading for Christians. "Young people", it says, "are becoming frankly de-Christianized and a general scepticism is everywhere infiltrating. On the other hand a German student writing in *Die Christliche Welt* finds among theological students, although their number is greatly reduced, a spirit of dedication expressed in the vows: 'Cost what it may, and be the way never so hard, we would serve our Lord and through Him our people'".

"In Ethiopia Christian groups of Ethiopians and Falasha Jews, left without missionary guidance, call forth our praise to God for their faithfulness".

"Franco's victory in Spain has apparently encouraged Roman Catholic opposition to liberal administrations and to protestants in some of the small republics in Central America. In the Canal Zone, however, there is ground for praise. This last year there was a revived interest in missionary activity throughout the Republic of Panama". Southern Baptists have work in Panama and the Canal Zone, as well as in Spain.

At the fall meeting of our southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board Dr. Rankin, secretary for the orient, declared that "the reaction of missionaries in China to the present situation has shown that the power of Jesus Christ to lay hold of the hearts of His children and commit them to an allegiance even unto death is just as potent today as it was in the first century". He adds: "There is a distinction between the Kingdom of God and the agencies through which this Kingdom is expressed. It is true that many church and school buildings have been destroyed but I do not know of a single Baptist church in China which has discontinued services. Since the beginning of the war some churches have had their membership doubled, and in some the attendance has increased five times. No military power", he insisted, "can drive God out of China. He is there to stay!"

I, therefore, promise, as a recognition of my stewardship and an expression of my love to God, to lay aside until further notice at least one-tenth of my income for the support of His cause. First they gave their themselves unto the Lord—11 Cor. 8:5. Of all that Thou shalt give me, I will surely give the tenth unto thee.—Gen. 28:22

