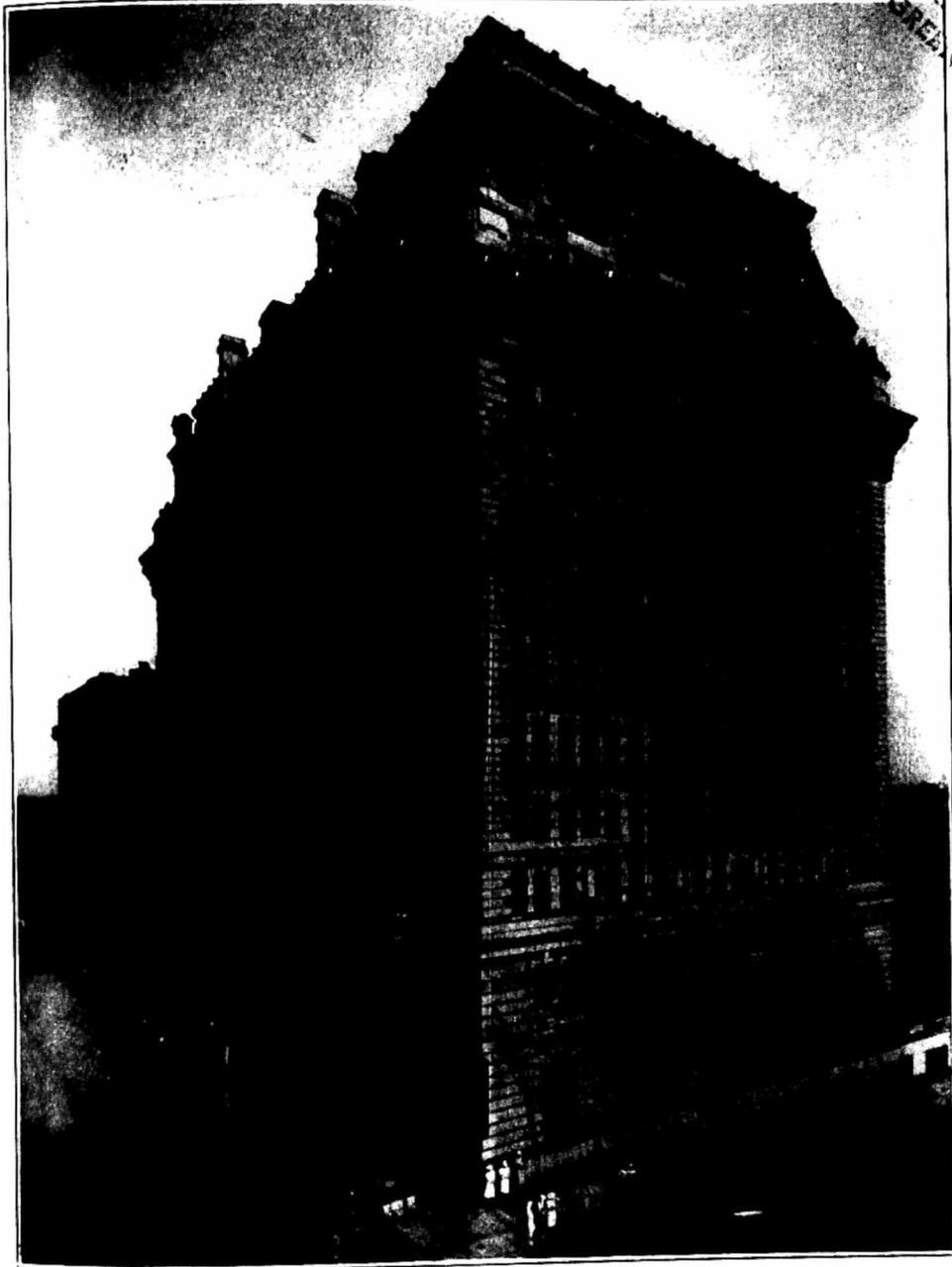


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Editorial

SOME IMPORTANT DECISIONS

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

YOUR Calendar of Prayer on January 29 called you and a host of co-laborers around the world to prayer for one of the most important meetings in southern Baptist life, the mid-year meeting of W.M.U. Executive Committee and state W.M.U. executive secretaries in our headquarters city, Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 29-Feb. 1. The influence of the guiding Spirit was evident as daily deliberations and committee reports brought unanimity of thought and purposeful planning.

The annual meeting of *Woman's Missionary Union* for 1940 will occur in Baltimore, according to the honored custom, just preceding the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Program Committee of S.B.C. having announced that its meeting will open on Wednesday morning, June 12, grave problems were presented in planning for an adequate and effective program for W.M.U. After prayerful consideration the decision was reached that all southwide W.M.U. committees will meet on Saturday, June 8; that the cooperation of the pastor of Miss Annie Armstrong's church (Eutaw Place) be sought in the hope of having a great missionary sermon and service there on Sunday morning, June 9; that the opening sessions of the 52nd annual meeting of our Union be held in the city's Convention Hall that Sunday afternoon and Sunday night, featuring missions and missionaries; and that our sessions continue through Tuesday night (June 11) to final adjournment that night. It is confidently expected that our loyal constituency and a commanding program will contribute to make this a meeting of tremendous and far-reaching influence. It is expected that the tentative program can be presented to the readers of *May Royal Service*.

Women hate debts. Southern Baptist women have been consistent in their determination to help the denomination be rid of the shackles that hinder progress. The S.B.C. plan for a "debtless denomination by 1945" received prayerful and constructive consideration, as Mrs. Carter Wright's article on page 7 of this magazine will show.

A plan proposed by President Sampey at the last meeting of the S.B.C. Executive Committee was endorsed. It is a threefold plan: first, consistent effort to enroll members in the Hundred Thousand Club and keep them paid up; second, to seek out those, who have not been members, to whom just one dollar a month may seem too small to command their interest, and to ask each such one to pay exactly eighty dollars, thus taking membership from May 1933, when the Club was started, to the end of 1939; third, an annual free-will offering in every church on the third Sunday in April for debt payments, when non-members would be asked to contribute whatever sum possible, be it dime or dollar, the offerings to be forwarded for debt payments and distributed on the percentage basis of the Hundred Thousand Club. As loyal members of W.M.U. we can be participants in each of these three proposals, consistently seeking memberships paid up, finding women of sufficient means to be challenged by the \$80 gift and helping our pastors to make a complete success of the free-will offering Sunday. In at least two of the

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Evangelist's Crusade

The ROMANCE of SOUL WINNING

Roland Q. Leavell

Supt. of Evangelism, Home Mission Board

ALL the world loves the romance of a beautiful love match. Next to the lovers themselves, the person who gets the most joy in such a romance is the one who introduces them. That is somewhat like soul winning—the romantic experience of introducing lost souls to Jesus, the Great Lover, and watching them respond to His love. There is no more soul satisfying privilege in all Christian experience than this.

ROMANCE in POSSIBILITIES

Francisco Quintanelli, an ex-bandit from Villa's army, was walking the streets of an American city seeking a holdup victim. A Mexican Christian mission worker invited him to preaching. Eventually he was saved and became a preacher. His mission in the worst section of that city did more to clean up that section than all police and social workers combined.

Years ago some Christian led a Negro boy, George Washington Carver, to Christ. Today he is among the nation's leading scientists and humblest Christians. The chairman of China's committee on international relations, a noble Christian, was led to Christ as a teen age boy in a Sunday school here in America.

The romance of soul winning is the romance of purifying civilization as well as that of soul saving and character building. The great spiritual leader of our nation in the future may be a boy, now playing in the streets of some southern city or village, awaiting a soul winner's loving word about Christ. The future Christian crusader of some foreign

land may be a lonely stranger within our gates, awaiting your word or mine. Our millions of foreigners, our mountaineers, our Negroes, our Jews, our millions of unsaved boys and girls all offer spiritual romance to the Christian who cares.

ROMANCE in PROGRAMS

This year the Baptists of the nation are making soul winning their major objective. This is not only true of southern, northern and Negro Baptists but also of national Baptist organizations of Hungarians, Mexicans, Norwegians, Czechoslovakians, Swedes, Roumanians, Finns, Germans and other bilingual groups. Any Baptist in the United States who does not try to win lost souls to Christ this year will surely be left out of the great romance of a Nation-wide Baptist Evangelistic Crusade in 1940!

ROMANCE in PERSONAL EXPERIENCES

Mrs. W.— came to me one afternoon, tears streaming, saying her heart would break if her child did not turn to Christ. It was transcendently triumphant for her when her child was saved that very week.

Mr. T.— stood one Sunday night in our service, asking prayer for his unsaved son who had gone to Louisville, Ky., to work. The church people prayed fervently for him. The boy was saved in Louisville that night and immediately wrote his father about the joy of a newly found Savior. Happy father!

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From Our Missionaries

GAINING WHILE GIVING

THE Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions is, I think, the outstanding week in the year to pupils, teachers and missionaries in our Baptist Girls' School in Abeokuta. During the week this past December I had the desire to tell what the observance of the week means to us.

Except for the closing service, which was held on Sunday evening, the services were at six in the morning and thus before daybreak. Some were lighted by hundreds of little native lamps, some by candle-light, some with electric lights covered with red cellophane, the last service using just the ordinary electric light.

The girls, dressed in their white uniforms, marched by twos into the chapel and took their places almost noiselessly—137 of them. Even the tiniest Sunbeam, the first service being led by the Sunbeams, seemed to realize that there was a sacredness in each service which called for reverence and quietness. In not one program was there a single thing to mar the dignity and solemnity of the service.

Even the offering as given by each group on the day it had charge of the program was a beautiful act of worship; the little Sunbeams would have felt cheated not to have been able to make their contribution, most of them pulling grass to earn their money. When the last offering was made and when all had been counted, the total was a little more than \$135—but what we gained to our hearts was far greater than what we had given.

When we first began observing the Week of Prayer one of the girls remarked that she had never seen the

sense in studying geography until she realized what it meant to know something about the people for whom we pray in the December Week of Prayer. I have never felt the "oneness" with the Christian women of the world as I did in this last observance. Therefore I send my love and gratitude to you who serve so faithfully and sacrificially in America and "unto the uttermost parts".—Miss Susan Anderson, Nigeria

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It was romantic this past winter to tell those young men shoveling snow from my front walk that Jesus could and would save them. It was also romantic last winter to tell the unsaved Pullman conductor and porter about the way of salvation through Christ. It was romantic to go to that physician's office and tell him about the Great Physician.

Telling lost men the message of John 3:16, introducing them to the Great Lover, is the most romantic experience open to the Christian today. How deep is your compassion and how strong is your compulsion for trying to win some loved one or friend? A prayerful heart, open to the Holy Spirit, will be directed to some lost soul who may be won.



For a Debtless Denomination

EQUIVALENT of DOUBLE the MEMBERSHIPS

"LEND me your ears", once exclaimed an impassioned orator; but, dear Reader, I crave more than that. Please lend me your *mind* and your *heart*. Believe me when I say that this is not just one more article or plea from the southwide stewardship chairman whose business it is to promote financial plans. This is urgent—a rally call.

That you may understand the better, come with me and look in upon your southern W.M.U. Executive Committee and state W.M.U. executive secretaries in their recent mid-year session in Birmingham. Where could you find a more capable and consecrated group of women than those whom you elect to represent you in this meeting—the president of your state W.M.U., your executive secretary and the general officers of the southern Union? For three full days they pray and plan and counsel together. But—see! There must be something extraordinary on their hearts, for the entire group is *kneeling in prayer*. This is what had happened: There had been a recommendation that Woman's Missionary Union enter heartily into the effort to have "a debtless denomination by 1945", it being well known that 1945 will be the centennial of the Southern Baptist Convention. Mrs. F. W. Armstrong told how, in the S.B.C. Executive Committee last December, Dr. John R. Sampy and others had spoken enthusiastically about this effort and had made some fine, practical suggestions. She urged that members of W.M.U. would renew and redouble their support of the Hundred Thousand Club and other debt-paying plans, thus mightily helping toward the consummation of this worthy denominational goal.

Then Miss Mallory spoke. Some of us have known her all these twenty-eight years in which she has so marvelously served the Union, but never have we heard her speak with more emotion and more power as she pleaded for united, whole hearted and sacrificial participation in this effort of southern Baptists for a "debtless denomination by 1945".

Every heart responded. Then, in perfect unison, the group *knelt* in earnest prayer, each one thus pledging herself to this worthy effort. It was indeed a sacred and thrilling hour.

After careful consideration the following recommendations were unanimously adopted:

1. That we take as our goal for the calendar year of 1940 the equivalent of double the memberships in the debt-paying campaign
2. That our slogan be: "Double your membership for a debtless denomination"
3. That the states be encouraged to enter heartily into such plans, the details of promotion being left to the individual states.

In most states this will mean doubling the memberships in the Hundred Thousand Club. Some other states have a different debt-paying plan. But it means for all of us that each state W.M.U. will endeavor to pay on southwide (and in some states also on state) debts in 1940 *double the amount paid in 1939*.

Most of us understand that a "membership" in this debt-paying effort means twelve dollars a year. There are many individuals and many circles and societies that could "double" their memberships and still be far from doing their best in this matter. God always deals with individuals. Will you do your best? Probably it will help us to do so if we constantly say in our hearts: "I am debtor"; therefore, "yours for a debtless denomination!"—Mrs. Carter Wright, Southwide Stewardship Chairman and W.M.U. Promoter for a Debtless Denomination

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states the state conventions have other than Hundred Thousand Club plans for debt payment and their auxiliary W.M.U.'s. are giving loyal support to the state plan. For all of us the slogan on which we are united in prayer and effort is "A Debtless Denomination by 1945". You ask why? That the denomination may be free to send more missionaries to tell more people, for whom Christ Jesus died, the way of life eternal and to provide church buildings and schools and hospitals and equipment that these may have life more abundant! To this end our watchword admonishes us: "Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord".

BEYOND-the-GOAL GIFTS of
1939 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Leper Colony, Ogbomoso, Nigeria.....	\$ 500.00
Increase for Current Expenses, Girls' School, Abeokuta, Nigeria.....	500.00
Publication Work, Buenos Aires, Argentina.....	1,000.00
Repairs for Church, Cordoba, Argentina.....	500.00
Training School Building, Recife, Brazil.....	5,000.00
Repairs for School, Victoria, Brazil.....	500.00
Machinery for Publishing House, Rio, Brazil.....	2,500.00
Residence, Manaos, Brazil.....	5,000.00
Completion of Church, Goyaz, Brazil.....	1,000.00
Preachers' Training School, Curitiba, Brazil.....	1,500.00
Aid for Theological Students, Preachers' Training School, Curitiba, Brazil.....	600.00
Woman's Training School, Fukuoka, Japan.....	5,000.00
New Site, Grace Church, Shanghai, China.....	5,000.00
Publication of Bibles, China.....	2,000.00
Aid for Theological Students, China.....	500.00
Bible School, Wuchow, China.....	500.00
Emergencies, Stout Memorial Hospital, Wuchow, China.....	1,500.00
Reopening and Conducting of Day Schools, All China.....	2,000.00
Church Building, Dairen, China.....	1,000.00
Seminary and Woman's Training Dept., Santiago, Chile.....	5,000.00
Current Expenses, Colegio Bautista, Temuco, Chile.....	1,000.00
Remodeling of Mission Home, Belgrade, Jugo-Slavia.....	1,500.00
Bible Institute Work, Belgrade, Jugo-Slavia.....	500.00
Current Expenses, Training School, El Paso, Texas.....	1,000.00
Publication of Books (for Argentina, Chile, Mexico).....	2,000.00
Installation of Running Water for Mission Residences in Nigeria.....	1,844.21
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"Thine, O Jehovah, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory! All things come of Thee and of Thine own have we given Thee!"—1 Chron. 29:11, 14

Mission Study

Southwide Mission Study Chairman, Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, Mo.

"STEADFAST"—in MISSION STUDY

"STEADFAST, unmovable, always abounding"—surely these words in our 1940 watchword have been given to us for just the task that is in our hands in mission study this year. We have a new wording of *point seven* on our Standard of Excellence which calls for a high measure of steadfastness in essentials.

For several years the W.M.U. Southwide Mission Study Committee, composed of all the state mission study chairmen, has made a special study of the factors in our mission study plans, with a view to finding what is our essential purpose and to putting that alone in the Standard of Excellence, leaving methods of attaining that high purpose for emphasis in other places. It was felt that *point seven*, being one of the essentials in the well rounded program for the society, should sum up a steadfast goal, constant in its fundamental purpose, yet flexible to allow for the growth of the years.

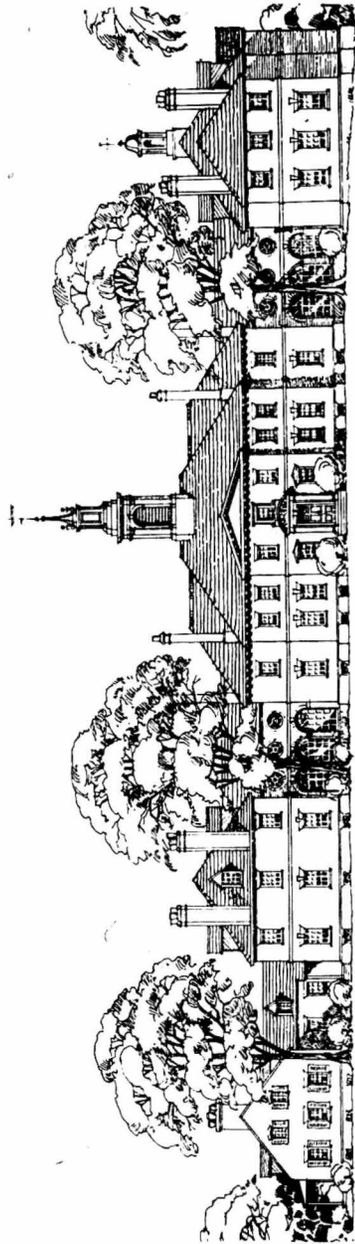
In May, 1939, a special committee of the Executive Committee of Woman's Missionary Union brought to the W.M.U. annual meeting in Oklahoma City the findings from this study. This committee recommended that *point seven* should summarize this one fundamental purpose: our aim to enlist in mission study the largest possible number of women. So *point seven* now reads:

"At least two mission study classes; one-third the membership in a W.M.S. mission study class during the year".

Other requirements which have in past years been in the mission study point of the W.M.S. Standard of Excellence, because they dealt with methods of reaching this highly desired aim, were transferred to the Plan of Work, which we will consider in another issue of this magazine. *Point seven* now deals with the fundamental matter of reaching more women with mission study as the years pass.

What does this mean to your society? Simply, that during this year at least one-third of the women on your membership roll must be enlisted in a mission study class. There must be not less than two classes. You may have many more. To be certain you have attained the aim of *point seven*, you must keep a record of the women who are bona fide members of your classes. As you finish the classes, check this class record against your membership roll. When you have checked off one-third of your membership in this way, you have attained the goal of *point seven*. It does not matter how many classes any one woman takes: her name is checked off with her first class. What does matter is that one-third of your membership have taken at least one class.

It is so simple that any society can do it. It is so fundamental that every society will benefit by doing it. Steadfastness in the doing of it will mean more women enlisted in mission study this year than in the history of W.M.U., which Woman's Missionary Union believes is fundamental in the growth of the missionary spirit among southern Baptist women.—Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence



BUILDING ANEW "HOUSE BEAUTIFUL"—W.M.U. TRAINING SCHOOL, Louisville, Ky.

THIS preliminary sketch for the new home of Woman's Missionary Union Training School presents a charming conception of what the architect contemplates for the School's new plant out by "The Beeches" of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. All W.M.U. organizations and their members will want to contribute toward this definitely missionary undertaking. Therefore the basic building costs are herewith listed:

Student Bedroom	\$ 1,000	Library	\$13,000	Class Room (Medium)	\$ 3,000	Roof (per 100 Square Feet)	\$ 20
Faculty Bedroom and Bath	1,200	Music Department	8,000	Class Room (Small)	2,000	Mantel	120
Office	1,000-1,200	Parlor (Large)	2,500	Entrance Hall Floor (Marble)	300	Window (Including Window Frame)	100
Infirmiry Room	1,000	Parlor (Small)	1,400	Three Stairways (Each)	500	Window Glass (Each Pane)	6.50
Infirmiry Kitchenette	600	Dining Room	7,500	One Step of Stairway	25	Brick (Each)	.05
Infirmiry Dispensary	600	Elevator	4,000	Steps (Front Entrances—Each)	200		
Infirmiry Bath	200	Class Room (Large)	4,000	Foundation (per Square Yard)	12-15		

How many dozens of bricks will you lay? How many foundation stones? In this building, remember that the W.M.U. Training School teaches that "other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ".

Training School

Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, Principal, 334 East Broadway, Louisville, Ky.
BAPTIST LEADERS PRESENT EUROPEAN WORK

THE eyes of the world are turned in one direction—Europe. The ears of the old and young alike listen with consternation to the latest rumblings from London, Paris, Berlin. The world waits anxiously to see what Europe's next move will be, realizing that every country will be vitally affected. Students at the Training School are deeply interested in these happenings, especially because of the decided influence the European conflict will have on our Baptist mission work.

Someone has well said: "It is a tremendous thing to get in touch with great souls". Through the years we at House Beautiful have felt keenly our privilege of meeting outstanding Baptist leaders from various parts of the world. This year we have been unusually fortunate in having at our prayer meetings leaders from Europe that could give "first-hand" information of the situation there. From amidst the clangor of strife, of jealousy, of aggression and fear have come to us reassuring messages of "the peace that passeth understanding", even in the hearts of men of Europe. Eagerly we have looked at the fields of Europe through the eyes of Dr. Enrico Paschetto, a prominent leader in Italian Baptist work and author of the recently published book, *They of Italy*; Dr. Luca Sezenov, president of the Baptist Seminary in Bucharest, Rumania; Dr. Everett Gill, emeritus director of our European work; and Mrs. Gill, formerly associated closely with the Training Schools in Rumania and Hungary.

Dr. Paschetto, now a student at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, vividly portrayed for us the seemingly insuperable barriers to Christian work in Italy. He drew a picture of a house whose four walls represented chief factors opposing Christianity. Geographical divisions, political conditions and financial difficulties contribute their part toward making the spread of Christianity a real problem but the most fortified of all barriers is that of the Roman Catholic Church, under whose influence six hundred periodicals devote pages to the anti-protestant campaign, through which Christian life itself is endangered. "Christian leaders", said Dr. Paschetto, "must be content with few gains and the quiet unpretentious work of strengthening the faith and preparation of believers for future doors opening to the spread of Christianity in Italy".

Dr. Sezenov came with this challenge: "Rumania with its 19,000,000 people is the greatest mission field in the world. Though churches be closed by government decree, though Christians be hounded by the persecutions of the Greek Orthodox Church, yet Rumanians hear the Gospel and align themselves with His church".

Mrs. Gill brought fascinating similarities between the James Memorial Training School in Bucharest and our own House Beautiful; through her we caught a picture also of the Budapest Girls' School. Dr. Gill pictured the tragic situation of Europe today but predicted that Christianity would hold its own until a coming new day dawned for missions.

As a result of these vital contacts with our Baptist work in Europe, we at the Training School feel more keenly our missionary obligation. We shall study with increased understanding and renewed interest the problems and progress of our work there.

—Mary Julia Augenstein, Kentucky

Margaret Fund

Chairman: Mrs. H. M. Rhodes, Tennessee

PROGRAM FEATURING MARGARET FUND

BECAUSE there have been requests for a suggested program, as has been indicated in connection with "special programs and the Burney Gifts", the following is offered as an outline program which may be enlarged or supplemented by kindred material. Both Women's Missionary Societies and Young Women's Auxiliaries may well use this program. Through such a program and in other ways we seek to be faithful in remembering in prayer the Margaret Fund students. Their names regularly occur on the Calendar of Prayer (pages 17-18).

The devotional for the proposed program might appropriately discuss this year's Margaret Fund watchword: "Guard that which is committed to thy trust". What a challenge, what a responsibility was laid upon Timothy and now upon Woman's Missionary Union members in behalf of Margaret Fund students! Though this does present responsibility, it nevertheless gives us joy to be called to such a service for our Lord and His "ambassadors". May we remember, as we have the joy of coming in touch with Margaret Fund students, that our responsibility is more urgent in protecting them from unwise counsel, superfluous gifts etc. than in guarding them from actual physical harm. As Timothy was charged to keep the trust reposed in him without blemish and unrebukable, so may we feel charged with the responsibility that is ours—to be loyal in all ways to the Margaret Fund: to the missionary parents who are depending upon our interest, prayers and faithfulness in behalf of their Margaret Fund sons and daughters; to these students, especially those who come to this country and are faced with new experiences, new problems and new decisions which must be made sometimes alone. Let us therefore be ready to serve in any wise way these precious young people thus committed to us for aid and sometimes for guidance. May we do the will of Christ through this ministry, as we aid in this beautiful service of Woman's Missionary Union and may we thus encourage the Margaret Fund students in faithfulness to their Savior's expectations for their lives, to their parents' teachings and to W.M.U. consideration of and trust in them as manifested through the Margaret Fund.

Devotional (Discussed Above)

Song—"Margaret Fund" (Have copies made of this song as given on page 13.)

Talk—What the Margaret Fund Is (Glean facts from tract to be secured from state W.M.U. headquarters: "The What, When, Why, Who, Where and How of the Margaret Fund".)

Prayer for any Margaret Fund students in your state and for all of the 91 beneficiaries of the Fund this year; also for all former students that they may be "faithful in all things" and may acknowledge Christ in their lives

Playlet—Scene in College (Order for 10c a copy from W.M.U. Literature Dep't., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

Prayer that all Margaret Fund students will be kept from physical and spir-

itual harm and will be faithful to their parents' teaching; also that we may be loyal in remembering them in our prayers

—Mrs. H. M. Rhodes

Margaret Fund Song

Tune—"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

"Our Margaret Fund does bind

Our hearts to missionaries dear.

We keep their children on our hearts

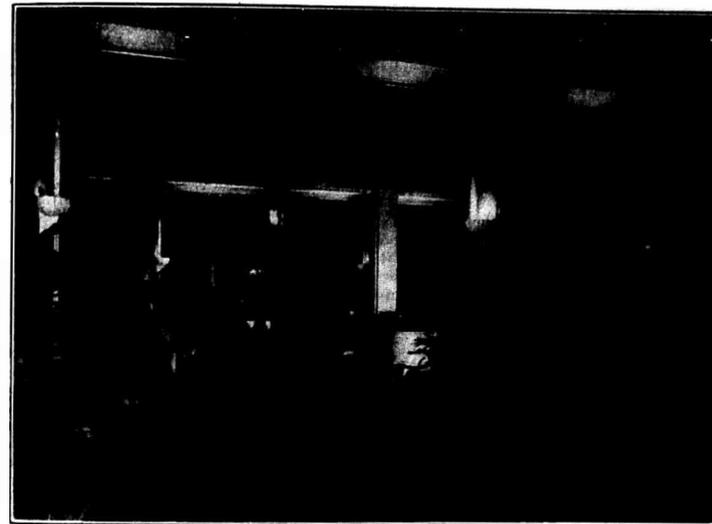
And comfort them while here.

"Before our Father's throne

We pour our ardent prayer

That they shall all be trained to serve

And kept from harm and care!"



The BELVEDERE, Baltimore, Md.

THIS spacious and well known hotel has been selected as headquarters hotel for the fifty-second annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, S. B. C. In this hotel there will be held on Saturday, June 8, the annual meetings of the Union's southwide committees on Margaret Fund, mission study, personal service, stewardship and missionary education of young people, as well as the annual meeting of the W.M.U. Executive Committee and state secretaries. The following day — Sunday, June 9 — will mark the opening sessions of the Union, which will continue in session through Tuesday night, June 11. All of the sessions of Woman's Missionary Union will be held in Convention Hall. Exceptional effort is being made to have the Sunday (June 9) sessions so definitely missionary and so fraught with inspirational messages that W.M.U. members from every state will gladly and loyally arrange to reach Baltimore in ample time, even as it is hoped that the state members of the various southwide committees mentioned above will reach Baltimore not later than the early morning of Saturday, June 8. For an exterior view of the hotel see page 1. Soon there will appear data as to hotel rates and the method of making reservations.

Circle Plans

Mrs. William McMurry, Tennessee

In Teaching "The Stranger within Our Gates"

(See also page 15.)

THE teacher should keep in mind the following threefold aim for the class: to arouse *interest* in the foreigners; to present some of the *problems* which the foreigner faces when he comes to America; to create in each heart a *feeling of responsibility* for the evangelization of the foreigner.

Session 1

Aim: To present a general survey of alien races, giving the underlying reasons for immigration and the relative strength of foreigners in America

Atmosphere: At each end of a large table place a vase filled with United States and Christian flags. Hang a large map of the United States over the table. Arrange an exhibit of articles made in European countries, China, Mexico. Ask members to help you collect articles from the various homes.

Methods:

Assignment: Sketch of the author's life

Discussion: (1) The reasons for immigration (2) Why foreigners come south

Posters: (1) The number of foreign born whites and of native whites of foreign or mixed parentage

(2) The relationship between racial groups and publications in foreign languages

(3) Largest foreign populations in the south

At the conclusion of the period introduce Columbia (woman wearing red, white and blue crown, dressed in white robe, draped with United States flag) who will explain the exhibit and at the same time weave into the informal talk a bit of the history which foreign countries have made on the American continent. The posters may or may not be used with this feature.

Session 2

Aim: To set forth the racial characteristics and the religious, cultural and political background of the foreigners

Methods:

Assignments: (1) Racial characteristics. (See programs in 1937 issues of *The Window of Y.W.A.*)

(2) Religions of foreigners. (Section IV, page 45, text. Section 4, page 116, text. Chapter III, *They of Italy*)

(3) The cultural background: language, art, literature, music, social codes, manners, education etc. (See any

good European history for details or the 1937 issues of *The Window of Y.W.A.*)

(4) Political ideas of foreigners. (Sections 6 and 7, page 51, text. *The Choice before Us*, Jones)

Discussion: (1) What is the effect of these imported political ideas on America? Findings of the Dies Committee (see newspapers) shed light on the subject. (2) How can we counteract subversive influences?

Session 3

Aim: To challenge the class with the complex foreign problem

Methods: Combination of impersonation and special assignment. A sentry, dressed in a white robe, wearing the helmet of salvation, breastplate of righteousness etc., (see Ephesians 6:14-17; make symbols out of cardboard and label) halts characters bearing placards or in costumes to personify various phases of the foreign question: Numbers, Spiritual Need, Dangerous Political Ideas, Crime, Foreign Colonies in Cities, Obtrusive Racial Characteristics, Individual and Race Contributions (See last chapter for similar points, pages 91 and 92; the book, *Our Foreign-Born Citizens*, Beard, or the 1937 issues of *The Window of Y.W.A.*) The last character, Our Own Indifference, is dressed in ordinary street clothes wearing a streamer on which is printed Average Southern Baptist. At the usual words of the sentry "Who goes there?" the character gives her name and accepts the challenge of the sentry to help Christianize the foreigners within our gates

Session 4

Aim: To hold up the ideas of true Americanism and to seek to place responsibility for maintaining them among foreigners

Methods:

Discussion: What is Americanism?

Lecture: Gather together points found in section 1.

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Book Reviews

Miss Willie Jean Stewart, Tennessee

The STRANGER within OUR GATES: J. F. Plainfield, Atlanta, S.B.C. Home Mission Board, 1940; Pages 128; Price 35c

THE purpose of this book", says the author, "is to interest Christians and southern Baptists in particular in the foreigner, who has come to make his home in our midst and is a stranger within our gates, and in the problems confronting Americans in the Americanization and evangelization of the foreigners". Doctor Plainfield is eminently qualified to render this service, being himself a native of Italy, educated for the priesthood and converted through the efforts of southern Baptist missionaries to Brazil. In our country he has served for years as preacher and Home Board missionary to foreigners, interpreting America to them and them to Americans.

Feeling that "the promotion of missionary causes in our churches is less motivated by an objective knowledge of

the fields and needs and by a love of our neighbors of foreign descent than by the sense of a mechanical and impersonal denominational loyalty", Doctor Plainfield helps us see the foreigners as they really are, interpreting their background of culture, political ideas and religion and showing what they expected of America and what they got. He makes a strong case for the immediate and imperative necessity for both evangelizing and Americanizing them. Writing in a markedly fair and tolerant spirit, he shows the conflict between their religion, ideals and practices and the best ideals and spirit of Christian Americans.

This is not an easy book to study or to practice. Yet those who undertake to master and follow it will find themselves amply rewarded for their pains. (See also page 14.)

CIRCLE PLANS (Concluded from Page 14)

Assignments: (1) Section II

(2) The reflections of a new citizen (See May, 1937, *The Window of Y.W.A.*)

(3) Section 4

Invite a foreign born American to give his or her experiences in taking out naturalization papers.

Session 5

Aim: To lay on the members the responsibility of the home mission task among the foreigners

Methods:

Discussion: The most effective foreign missionary is the foreigner who goes back to his native land a Christian.

Outcome: The study should lead to a survey and a program of directed personal service.

Assignments: Handicaps to evangelization of foreigners

Posters: Build up a picture story of home mission work among the foreigners. Write for free picture sheets, Home Mission Board, 315 Red Rock Building, Atlanta, Ga. Conduct this feature as a visit to a picture gallery. Weave into the showing of the exhibit information gleaned from the following sources: (facts) Home Mission Report, 1939; *Minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention*; (stories) issues of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*; (sketches) *The Missionaries of the Home Mission Board*, price 35 cents from address given above.

Conclude the session with a direct appeal for individual participation in contacting the foreigners in your own community.

Family Altar

Mrs. W. H. Gray, Alabama

Note: The references in italics are furnished by the "Committee on Improved Uniform Lessons of the International Sunday School Lessons". The references in heavy type are in keeping with the month's missionary topic and with the denomination's emphasis on soul winning in 1940.

TOPIC: Unchanging Moral Standards

Such was the pity of our God,
He loved the race of man so well
He sent His Son to bear our load
Of sins and save our souls from hell

Sinners, believe the Savior's Word,
Trust in His mighty name and live.
A thousand joys His lips afford,
His hands a thousand blessings give.
—Isaac Watts

"What is written in the law?"

1st Day—Luke 10:25-37; Amos 5:1, 10-13
2nd Day—Isa. 2:8-17; Amos 5:14, 15, 21-24
3rd Day—Isa. 2:18-26; Amos 7:7-9
4th Day—Deut. 6:1-12; Lev. 19:13-18
5th Day—Deut. 4:12, 13, 44, 45; 5:32, 33

6th Day—Acts 17:11; Isa. 1:16-20
7th Day—John 12:14-50; Psa. 72:1-8

"A Standard for the People"

8th Day—Isa. 62:1-3, 10-12; Hos. 6:1-7
9th Day—Psa. 20; Hos. 14:4-9
10th Day—Psa. 60:1-4, 11, 12; Hos. 11:8-11
11th Day—Matt. 6:1-13; John 3:16-21
12th Day—Matt. 6:14-23, 25-31;

13th Day—Matt. 7:1-12; Psa. 51:1-10
14th Day—Matt. 7:13-29; Psa. 85:1-13

"Pray Ye"

In adoration for the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Intercede for freedom from jealousy, pride, racial prejudice, callousness to world-wide strife and suffering and sin.

Pray for: (1) missionaries in home and foreign lands;
(2) Nation-wide Baptist Evangelistic Crusade;
(3) concerted effort for a debtless denomination by 1945; (4) those in charge of plans and programs for W.M.U. and S.B.C. annual meetings in Baltimore in June.

Intercede that every circle and society will glean and glean again in behalf of the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions.

Pray for all phases of W.M.U. work such as mission study, personal service, stewardship, missionary education of young people.

"Way Which Seemeth Right"

15th Day—Prov. 14:12; Micah 4:1-5
16th Day—I Pet. 1:1-9; Micah 5:2-5a
17th Day—I Pet. 1:10-21; Isa. 11:6-10
18th Day—II Pet. 2:1-11; Matt. 5:9-16
19th Day—II Pet. 2:12-22; Isa. 2:1-4
20th Day—II Pet. 3:1-9; Psa. 72:11-19
21st Day—II Pet. 3:10-19; Isa. 26:1-4

"Statutes of the Lord are right".

22nd Day—Psa. 19:8-14; Isa. 40:1-5
23rd Day—Lev. 1:12-16; Isa. 40:6-11
24th Day—Matt. 5:1-10; Deut. 8:1-6
25th Day—Matt. 5:11-19; Rev. 2:8-11
26th Day—Matt. 5:20-24, 43-48;

27th Day—Prov. 28:4, 5; II Cor. 1:3-7
28th Day—Jan. 1:13-27; II Thess. 2:16, 17
29th Day—Jan. 3:1-18; Isa. 55:1-5
30th Day—Jan. 4:1-17; Isa. 55:6-11



Calendar of Prayer April, 1940

Prepared by Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona

PRAYER makes the darkened clouds withdraw;
Prayer climbs the ladder Jacob saw,
Gives exercise to faith and love,
Brings every blessing from above.

—William Cowper

1—MONDAY

W.M.U. of Central China and Nigeria
W.M.U.
The Word of God increased—Acts 6:7

2—TUESDAY

W.M.U. annual meetings of Arkansas
Fine Bluff, Milledgeville, Jackson, Virginia, Charlottesville, April 1-4
We will give ourselves continuously to prayer and to the ministry of the Word—Acts 4:4

3—WEDNESDAY

W.M.U. annual meeting of Missouri St. Joseph, April 3-5
O sing unto the Lord a new song for He hath done marvelous things—Psa. 98:1

4—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. D. M. Lawton (Dorothy Dodd), evangelistic workers, Idaho; Jeanette Beall, medical worker, Litchfield, Miss. Ellabeth Gray, medical worker, Pingtu, China
The Kingdom of God is . . . righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost—Rom. 14:17

5—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. G. B. Mielon (Josefina Roca), Brownsville, Texas, evangelistic workers among Mexicans
The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge—Prov. 10:15

6—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. R. C. McConnell (Elizabeth Roca), educational workers, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. McGarvey (Catherine J.), evangelistic workers, Santiago, Chile
The Lord will go before thee.—Isa. 52:12

7—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Lawton, Sr. (Ida Weaver), Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Marriott (Cora Burns), Miss Mary Mooreman, emerita missionaries from China; also Cora May Marriott, Margaret Fund student
We give thanks to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you.—Col. 1:3

8—MONDAY

Dr. C. E. Maddy, executive secretary of Foreign Mission Board, and all accretions working with him
Thou hast blessed the work of his hands.—Job 1:10

9—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. K. H. Crouch (Ore Ballmar), Rev. B. Foreman, evangelistic-educational workers, Corvallis, Brazil; also Margaret Crouch, Margaret Fund student
Whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe.—Prov. 29:25

10—WEDNESDAY

Miss Cecile Lancaster, Kokura, Japan; Naomi Schell, Tobata, Japan, educational workers; also Pauline Medling, Margaret Fund student, daughter of former missionaries to Japan
The isles shall wait for His law.—Isa. 42:4

11—THURSDAY

W.M.U. of Argentina-Uruguay
It may be that the Lord will work for us.—I Sam. 14:6

12—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. M. Agallard, Buñlle, Rev. and Mrs. L. Smith, Piozville, Louisiana, evangelistic workers among French; also Paul Agallard, Margaret Fund student

If ye be led of the Spirit ye are not under the law.—Gal. 5:18

13—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Bowdler (Nash Nicholas), Cipolletti, Rev. and Mrs. M. S. Blair (Cora Hancock), Buenos Aires, Argentina, evangelistic-educational workers
In due season we shall reap if we faint not.—Gal. 6:9

14—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. Everett Gill (Eunice W. Hunt), emerita missionaries from Europe
Zealons for their God.—Num. 25:13

Calendar of Prayer for April

15—MONDAY

1*Miss Hattie Stallings, evangelistic-educational worker, (Miss Ruth Ford, medical worker, Kweilin, China
The Lord is our King. He will save us.
—Isa. 33:22

16—TUESDAY

Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Williams (Laurie Smith), evangelistic workers, Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Westbrook (Louise Ellyson), educational workers, Shanghai, China, also Daniel Smith Williams, Margaret Fund student
I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved.—1 Thess. 5:23

17—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. N. N. Carter, Rev. C. E. McFadden, evangelistic-educational workers to their own Negro race, Selma, Ala. He shall reward every man according to his work.—Matt. 16:27

18—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Owens (Dorcas Hasford), Haila, Miss Elsie Cloe, Jerusalem, Palestine, evangelistic-educational workers. It is time for the Lord to work, for they have made void Thy law.—Psa. 119:126

19—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. M. A. Gonzales (Eliso Mendes), Santa Clara, (Miss Christine Garrett, Consolacion del Sur, Rev. A. T. Bequer, Cienfuegos, Cuba, evangelistic workers; also Angel and Leonard Esther Bequer, Margaret Fund students
Now unto our God and Father be the glory forever and ever!—Phil. 4:20

20—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Olive (Nell Foster), evangelistic-educational workers, Chinkiang, China; also Howard Olive, Margaret Fund student
Deliver the poor and needy, rid them out of the hand of the wicked.—Psa. 82:4

21—SUNDAY

Miss Emma Leachman, emeritus missionary of the Home Mission Board
It is given unto you to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven.—Matt. 13:11

22—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. B. W. Orrick (Lera Humphreys), Rev. and Mrs. S. E. Goldlinch (Frances McCann), evangelistic workers, Montevideo, Uruguay
For it is God who worketh in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.—Phil. 2:13

23—TUESDAY

W.M.U. annual meeting of Kentucky, Paducah, April 23-25
There is a time for every purpose and for every work.—Ecc. 3:17

24—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. L. Thibodeaux, evangelistic workers, Thibodaux, Misses Virginia Gannaway and Vivian Hedgrieth, educational workers, Acadia Academy, Church Point, La.
Ever follow that which is good.—1 Thess. 5:15

25—THURSDAY

Misses and Catherine Bryan, Elizabeth Hale, Shanghai, Olga Lee, Kaileng, China, evangelistic-educational workers
Let us go speedily to pray before the Lord and to seek the Lord of hosts, Zech. 8:21

26—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. Mein (Elizabeth Feinschild), educational and evangelistic workers, Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Rice (Blanche Hamm), educational workers, Mucio, Brazil
Give me understanding and I shall keep Thy law.—Psa. 119:34

27—SATURDAY

W.M.U. of Cuba
Bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His dominion.—Psa. 103:22

28—SUNDAY

That the spirit of interracial justice may prevail in the United States
Be ye kind one to another.—Eph. 4:32

29—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. Delgado (Louisa Herrera), Eagle Pass, Rev. and Mrs. R. Garcia (Paula Trujillo), Victoria, Texas
The Lord knoweth the way of the righteous.—Psa. 1:6

30—TUESDAY

W.M.U. annual meeting of South Carolina, Charleston, April 30-May 2
God standeth in the congregation of the mighty.—Psa. 82:1

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Bible Study

Ella Bronkus Robertson, Kentucky

The FIRST ADAM—The SECOND ADAM

Gen. 3:8, 17-19; 1 Cor. 15:45-49, 51, 52, 54-58

"G O'D'S in His Heaven, All's right with the world", sang Pippa as she passed. Dr. Hutton says Browning has been smiled at as a superficial optimist for these lines, but quite foolishly: for look at the unhappy and sinful people who heard Pippa and were brought to a better life! "The point is, one can't put anything over on God!" How did God bear to see the beautiful world He had made spoiled by sin? the walking with God in the cool of the evening turned to terror and condemnation? Was it not because He looked through to the Coming One, the Second Adam who would cause man to "bear the image of the Heavenly", so that he could "put on immortality" and death be "swallowed up in victory"? A devoted wife who had suddenly lost her husband exclaimed in agony: "But how can William be happy in Heaven, knowing how wretched I am without him?" A friend gave the only possible answer: "Because already he sees as God sees. God can look at all the misery of earth because He knows the good He is going to bring out of evil; and when He sends a crushing grief on us He knows He can make it work out for our good; and now William can see that too!"

Paul is always practical. After his rapture of describing the second coming of Christ—the dead raised, the living changed in the twinkling of an eye and caught up into glory—he comes back easily to earth. Christ gives not only victory over death, He gives victory also over sin. "The sting of death is sin", and it is the tragedy of life too. The law could only make sin plainly visible in its power over us. Christ breaks that power, redeems and forgives us. "Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!" Then what? Then steadfastness, patience, abounding work and love! For it's all worth-while. It's bringing in the Kingdom; it's making Heaven here on earth. The more clearly we believe in a future life, the more contentedly and usefully we can live in this world.

A heroine in a recent novel exclaims: "Life is too uncertain for anything! I don't know how we stand it at all". She had much to learn. True, there are heavy griefs that come from things quite beyond our control, from accident or from human ignorance. But even these are not beyond God's overruling providence. Jesus Himself was "a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief", but He poured Himself out in compassion and labor for the sorrows of others. Every good physician has this joy; and preachers, and the quiet saints we know. What hurt Jesus most was seeing people in the grip of sin, like the lovable young ruler, a slave to his riches, or the apostles themselves seized with jealous ambition.

Paul speaks in another epistle of "the risen life": "If then ye were raised together with Christ, seek the things that are above where Christ is, seated on the right hand of God" (Col. 3:1). Then He hastens to urge inward purity and outward kindness, forgiveness and love—no racial hatred, no class prejudice, "but Christ is all and in all!"

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Business Women's Circles

Prepared by Miss Virginia Wyatt, Ala.
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General Suggestions: Individual invitations cut from a correspondence card or paper in the shape of a Bible would be helpful. On each might be written: Do you believe in the Bible as our authority for daily living? How high are your moral standards? Hear this discussion at our Business Women's Circle meeting. Place—Date—Time

As a mimeograph is apt to be accessible, individual programs can be made easily and inexpensively. It would be well to have these folding like a book. On the outside print "Holy Bible, Our Standard for Daily Living". On the inside have the order of the program.

Poster: At the top of a large poster board print the words—"Christ, Our Example". Underneath these print: "God's Word". Directly under these in the center of the board outline an open book representing the Bible. In this outlined book print the following: (1) "Glorify God in your body"—I Cor. 6:20; (2) "Remember the Sabbath day"—Ex. 31:15, Matt. 12:2; (3) "Honor thy father and mother"—Ex. 20:12; (4) "Love thy neighbor"—Mark 12:30-31. Beneath this book have the words—"Our Final and Only Authority for Daily Living".

PROGRAM OUTLINE—TOPIC: Unchanging Moral Standards

Since all the splendid program material (pages 22-31) cannot be used in the short period of a Business Women's Circle meeting it is suggested that brief but well prepared discussions be given by four members on those phases with which business women are most intimately associated day by day and therefore in which they could most effectively help.

Hymn—How Firm a Foundation

Prayer—While pianist continues to play softly the hymn just sung have prayer for those on the Calendar of Prayer, for the heads of our government, state, cities and communities, for all who lead in maintaining our moral standards and for Christians who are setting examples for others.

Devotion—Genesis 3:8, 17-19; I Cor. 15:45-58 (See page 19.)

Hymn—Jesus Saves

Introduction by Program Chairman—(Use the first and last sections of program material entitled "God's Standards" and "God's Standard and the W.M.U.", pages 22, 30.)

Discussions or Talks by Four Members

1. *God's Standard for the Individual* (Page 23. As this is given, the chairman might point to the Scripture, "Glorify God in your body", which is on the poster. She might also display all the liquor and cigarette advertisements she has cut from one newspaper and compare the space used for these to that used for other advertisements and good reading.)
2. *The Christian Sunday* (Page 29, section entitled "The Christian Sunday". Call attention to Scripture on poster, "Remember the Sabbath day".)
3. *God's Standard for the Home* (Page 24. Give briefly the enemies of the Christian home today and how business women can help hold up standards. Call attention to Scripture on poster, "Honor thy father and mother".)
4. *God's Standard for the Nation Includes Interracial Justice and Peace* (Pages 27-29, sections entitled "Interracial Justice", and "Preserving Peace". At beginning of this discussion call attention to Scripture on poster, "Love thy neighbor".)

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Program Plans

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THE program this month might well center around the home as the "training ground" for our moral standards. The material may be presented as given or could be used as the essential parts of a home. If this were done, the program chairman would use "God's Standard for the Home" as her introduction to the program (page 24). "God's Standards" as found in His Word will be the "foundation" upon which we will build the home; and "God's Standard for the Individual" as the "walls" of cooperation in setting standards. Emphasis here should be placed on individual cooperation in reaching others with the Gospel so that they too may build Christian homes and adopt God's standard for their lives. (Pages 23-24)

"God's Standard for the Nation" may represent the "doors" which open on pathways that lead to all parts of the world. Thus, as a nation we follow the pathway of "Interracial Justice", "Preserving Peace", "Promoting Americanism", "Law Enforcement", all because Christian homes have instilled these high standards set in God's Word. (Pages 26-30)

A home is not complete without windows—"windows to Heaven"—which will be conducive to communion with the Master. Here "The Christian Sunday" would be given and the family altar discussed by the society. A woman who has already established a family

altar in her home will tell of the blessing it has brought and will encourage other women to begin the practice. (Pages 29, 16)

The president will appropriately close the program by putting the "roof" on the home with a challenge to the members of the society to build Christian homes, where God's standards of personal purity and moral righteousness will be exemplified, and by telling of "God's Standard and the W.M.U." (Page 30)

Following her challenge have a brief period of meditation and silent prayer that the women of Woman's Missionary Union may use every possible means of promoting God's standards of moral righteousness.

A poster announcing the meeting might be prepared, for use also during the program. At the bottom of the poster have an open Bible with rays reaching out and up to the home which is represented at the top by a family (mother, father and their children). The caption at top of poster would be: "Use the Bible in setting up unchanging moral standards".

An alternate plan would be to draw a large measuring rod with the Bible at the base of the rod. The rod represents Christ's principles; the various divisions on the rod represent home, community, state, national and international standards.

As souvenirs, miniature measuring rods could be made for book-marks. At the top might be drawn an open Bible with "The Bible Our Standard for Christian Morals" written on the rod. In addition, appropriate Scripture references could be written on them and be given to each woman at the opening of the program. This plan would provide variety in presenting the Scripture and would permit each woman to take part.

BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLES (Concluded from Page 20)

Closing Hymn—Come, Women, Wide Proclaim
Prayer that business and professional women of W.M.U. may do their share in helping to uphold God's standards of morals

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Program Material

Mrs. C. D. Creasman, Tennessee

THEME for YEAR: Steadfast Purpose in a Changing World
TOPIC for MONTH: Unchanging Moral Standards

Hymn for Year—How Firm a Foundation

Watchword for Year—"Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord"—1 Cor. 15:58.

Bible Study—The First Adam—The Second Adam: Gen. 3:8, 17-19; I Cor. 15:45-49, 51, 52, 54-58 (See page 19.)

Prayer thanking God for the coming of Jesus to save a world from sin

Hymn—Jesus Saves —God's Standards

God's Standard for the Individual

Hymn—My Soul, Be on Thy Guard —God's Standard for the Home

Prayer that God's standard may be the ideal for the homes of America

God's Standard for the Nation

Law Enforcement

Fighting the Liquor Traffic

Interracial Justice

Promoting Americanism

Preserving Peace

The Christian Sunday

—God's Standard and the W.M.U.

Hymn—Lead On, O King Eternal

Hymn—Come Women, Wide Proclaim

Prayer that members of Woman's Missionary Union may use every possible means of promoting God's standards of moral righteousness

GOD'S STANDARDS

AMID the changes which the days, the years, the centuries, the millenniums bring God's standards for human character and conduct remain unchanged. Men's standards change; they make new laws and repeal old ones; they adopt philosophies of life and then discard them. But God's standards never change; His laws are never repealed; His philosophies are never altered. The same laws which God gave to His people centuries ago are the laws on which all righteous law is based today. The same standards of living, given by God the Father and interpreted by His Son Jesus, are the only right standards of living today.

God not only established standards for human character and conduct, but He also gave us a Book in which these standards are stated and interpreted.

To those, who believe that the Bible is the Word of God, there is no question about what is right and what is wrong. What the Bible says is to them the final authority. A wonderful part about it is that this Book, written over a period of several centuries and finished nearly two thousand years ago, touches man's life at every point and gives rules of conduct that fit conditions today just as they did the conditions of two, three or more millenniums ago. God's standards fit men of all times and all climes, of all races and all places, of all positions and all conditions and are the only safe and true guide to righteous living.

The Christian who believes in God and in His Word turns to the Bible as the final and only authority for his conduct. He needs no other standard for his daily living. The laws of the state may not always agree with God's law; the standards of society may change to permit

things not conforming to God's standard; but the Christian must turn always to the Bible in his final decision as to what is right or wrong for him to do.

The Bible does more than give us rules for living—it gives us the example of a perfect man. Jesus is the living example of God's moral standards. In His life here on earth He never broke one of God's laws and by His words and by His conduct interpreted, fulfilled and enlarged on those laws. He said: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in Heaven is perfect", and then in His own life demonstrated the perfection of the Father.

The story is told that in his declining years, when his eyesight was beginning to fail, Michael Angelo was in the habit of regularly visiting a sculpture gallery. There he would stand long before the broken remains of a human figure from the hands of one of the great sculptors of the past. With his eyes closed he would rub the tips of his fingers up and down over this work of the great sculptor. In this way he was keeping before his mind the standard toward which he was striving, each time mentally judging his own work by comparing it with that perfect work. And then with that example of perfect beauty fixed in his soul, he would hasten back to his studio, take up his tools and with renewed purpose and encouragement do his best to attain to a like perfection in his art. Even so do we need to stand often in the presence of Jesus, letting the fingers of our souls take in the perfection and beauty of His character and then go and form our own lives as nearly as possible in accordance with His life, which is God's standard for us.

GOD'S STANDARD for the INDIVIDUAL

GOD'S standard of moral righteousness is the only safe standard for the individual. This standard leaves no room for dishonesty in business, for graft in politics or for moral laxness in society. This standard makes impossible such things as

free love, trial marriage, harmful indulgences of the appetites or any wrong thinking or wrong doing. God's standard requires personal purity in character and moral uprightness in conduct. Every time this standard is set aside the individual suffers and society suffers.

Enemies of Right Living—At every period of the world's history the forces of evil have been at work to keep men from God's standard of living. Certainly that is true today. The modern inventions and the speed of modern civilization have made the forces of evil more insidious and more powerful than ever before.

God's standard requires personal purity and yet we know that a large per cent of Americans, men and women, have sacrificed this most precious possession for sexual indulgences. We are told that one out of every one hundred women of marriageable age in the United States is a prostitute. We know that the ever-increasing number of divorces is caused largely by infidelity to the marriage relationship. We know that by means of the automobiles, the road houses, the modern dance, styles of clothing etc. the devil is leading people into social sins too shameful to mention. And the sad part about it is that even Christian people have lost their sense of morality and look upon social evils with an attitude of complacency and indulgence. Christian fathers wink at their sons' moral lapses and Christian mothers place their daughters in the way of temptation in order to have them in society.

Strong drink is a force that is leading people today into impure personal habits as well as other evils. Cocktail parties are just ordinary affairs and are considered O.K. in the best society. Liquor stores on many corners invite young and old to come in and buy the damaging stuff. In the fiction of our very best magazines the heroes and heroines drink just as if that were the natural and right thing to do. Over a million barmaids are employed "to

late male customers in purchasing and consuming more liquor". Three of every ten who taste liquor become helpless and hopeless addicts and practically all, who permit for themselves the indulgence of drinking, open the door for other evils which all too often lead to serious social sins.

Perhaps even worse than the drinking, because it reaches more people, is the smoking habit of the American people. This habit has grown to be almost universal among men and, sad to be related, all too common among women—even among Christian men and women. It has been estimated that for each minute of the year 250,000 cigarettes are lighted in America and that thus about \$2,000 go up in cigarette smoke. The amount of money spent for cigarettes in a year would build three Panama Canals and six Boulder Dams. However the great cost of the cigarette cannot be estimated in money but in the characters of America's young people. While it is true that many men of fine character are smokers, it is also true that smoking—especially in younger years—tends toward drinking and other harmful personal sins.

What appetite does for the flesh, avarice does for the spirit. Men in their greed for material possessions are led to break God's law of honest and upright living. We see all around us examples of graft in public office, of dishonesty in business relations, of stealing in high places (*dubbed just as "good business"*), of the perversion of justice in the courts because of the influence of money—of a thousand evils caused by man's desire to have money regardless of whether it is obtained by fair or foul means.

The desire to obtain money for nothing leads to gambling which is growing in the United States at a terrible rate. The betting bill is now estimated to be from four to six billions of dollars annually. In our country there are 250 factories which operate for the exclusive purpose of making gambling devices.

Led on by appetite and avarice individuals who should be law-abiding citi-

zens are becoming criminals. J. Edgar Hoover, the high chief of the G men, says that there are 3,500,000 enlisted in the army of crime—a greater number than those enlisted in the World War. "Every year 1,500,000 major crimes are committed in the United States—every twenty seconds such a crime is committed, and there is a death by criminal violence every forty-five minutes". Every time a crime is committed an individual or group of individuals has fallen below God's standard of living.

Saving the Individual—There is only one hope for this situation and that is to reach individuals with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Only saved people can be expected to adopt God's standard for their lives. The saddest part about the situation is that men who claim to be Christians and whose names are on church rolls are not even trying to hold up God's standard in their lives but belong to that vast army of people who are letting appetite and avarice lead them into the ways of sin. What we need is that Christians shall adopt God's standard of morality as the ideal for their own living, that they shall have the courage to stand for God's standard among their fellow citizens and that they shall join together in a mighty crusade to win individuals to Christ and to lead them to establish in their lives God's standards of personal purity and moral righteousness.

GOD'S STANDARD for the HOME

WHEN God created a man and a woman and placed them in the Garden of Eden He established the home as the unit of society. Centuries before there was a state or a school or a church there were homes, instituted by God as places where men and women should live together in love and happiness, where children should be born and reared—made ready to go out in their turn to establish other homes. Thus, according to God's plan, was the human race to be propagated and civilization to be developed.

God's laws for the home are very clearly given in His word. His standard requires that there shall be only one woman and one man in each home. While God permitted polygamy, He never approved of it and, in every case recorded in His Word where it was practiced, unhappiness and usually calamity resulted. Marriage is a permanent, sacred relationship, instituted by God and not to be broken by man. Parents are expected to give their children love, care and the training necessary for their fullest development and to fit them for the best possible living. In the Old Testament parents were commanded to teach the words of the Lord to their children—"talking of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way and when thou liest down and when thou risest up" (*Deut. 11:19*). In the New Testament parents were told to nurture their children "in the chastening and admonition of the Lord". In return children were to honor, reverence and obey their parents "in the Lord".

Enemies of the Home—Many enemies threaten the safety of the home today. Poverty keeps many homes from being ideal. In 1936 fourteen per cent of the families of the United States had less than \$500 a year income and over fifty per cent had less than \$1,000 a year. While wealth is not necessary and may be even a hindrance to the best home life, certainly it is impossible to build ideal homes when there is not sufficient income to provide the necessities of life, to say nothing of those cultural and recreational advantages deemed necessary for the building of a well-rounded character.

An attendant enemy to poverty is disease. "Illness and death increase their toll as income goes down; medical care decreases sharply as need for it mounts. . . . The gross sickness and mortality rates of the poor of our large cities are as high today as they were for the nation as a whole a century ago."

Certainly one of the greatest enemies

to the home is divorce and it is at this point that we are getting far away from God's standard for the home. People are forgetting His command, "What God hath joined together let not man put asunder". One marriage out of every five ends in a divorce court. "Since 1870 the population of the United States has increased three hundred per cent; marriages, four hundred per cent; divorces, two thousand per cent". Divorces are increasing five times faster than marriages. In a majority of these broken homes are children—robbed of their right to a good home; the chances are that their lives will be broken too.

The lack of a Christian atmosphere in our homes constitutes a great enemy to American home life. Even in homes where the parents are together, often one or both of them are not Christians; moral ideals are low and children are permitted to do things which endanger their character. To bring the matter a little closer to each of us: even in Christian homes, even in our own homes, there is too little of the Christian spirit. Few of us have a family altar. Little religious training is given in the family circle. We have on our library table copies of many current secular magazines but *World Comrades* and *The Window of Y.W.A.* are not there. We spend many dollars for literature but are not willing to spend one dollar a year for a missionary magazine for our young people. Newspapers are a part of the daily life of the household but our state Baptist paper is unknown in the vast majority of our Baptist homes.

Many Christian parents are becoming lax in their discipline. In their fear of being old-fashioned they are permitting their children to do things that are questionable if not absolutely dangerous. Many a mother in her ambition for the social success of her daughter closes her eyes to the harm of the dance, the card game and other modern amusements. Many a father in seeking to provide material blessings for his son fails to fortify him with the spiritual power with which to fight temptation.

Saving Our Homes—What we need is to get back to God's standard for a Christian home. We need to exalt the sacredness of the marriage tie. We need to watch lest any teaching of trial marriage or free love gets into our schools. We need to make our homes truly Christian — where there is a family altar, where Christian books and magazines are read, where news of the Kingdom of God is a natural part of the conversation, where the pastor and other religious leaders are frequent guests, where the whole family attends the services of the church and enters into the activities of the church organizations, where the family income is tithed, where God's laws of health and conduct are respected and where the atmosphere is genuinely and actively Christian. Such homes will save the nation and the world.

GOD'S STANDARD for the NATION

A NATION is made up of individuals; God's standard for individuals applies also to nations. God requires that a nation shall stand for honesty, for morality, for upright living and for justice, both within her own borders and in her relationships with other nations. He desires that a nation shall help rather than hinder her people to be God-fearing, law-abiding, clean living citizens. He desires that righteous laws shall be made and enforced, that public officers shall be fair, honest and unselfish in their services, that all citizens shall have just treatment from all national agencies and that the nation shall be righteous in her dealings with other nations. God says in His Word: "Blessed is the nation whose God is Jehovah"; and again: "Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people". Let us study some conditions in our nation in the light of God's standards for nations.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

It has been said that fifty years ago the United States was the most law-abiding nation in the world and that now it is the most law-

less. Dr. A. J. Barton says that our crime record now surpasses that of any other nation. This appalling record in crime is caused largely by laxity in the enforcement of law. Our failure to let the law have its way encourages criminals in thinking that they can do anything and yet get by with it. Dr. A. J. Barton explains the prevalence of crime as follows:

"Among other things, our very institutions of liberty and freedom of individual action may contribute largely to the prevalence of crime. Many people misinterpret and misapply liberty, regarding it as license and come to feel little sense of restraint in their own behavior and little regard for the rights of others. The frequent breakdown of the home, the lack of parental authority and guidance of childhood and youth, the widespread indulgence in alcoholic beverages, the frequent and dramatic presentation of crime scenes in motion picture theatres, the all too general disregard for the Lord's Day, the prevalent lack of reverence for God and the general disregard of the restraints of religion, frequent failures in the administration of law and the miscarriage of justice—these all and other things that might be mentioned serve as contributory causes to give us the darkest and most distressing crime record perhaps in the world".

Of course Christian people are not to be charged with the sole or perhaps even with the major responsibility for the enormous volume of crime. But surely we are responsible "both as individuals and in the mass for doing our full share, through the preaching of the Gospel and for bringing to bear all the restraining powers of the Gospel for the prevention of crime and for the establishment of sobriety and probity in the lives of our people. Neither as citizens of the state nor as citizens of the Kingdom of God can we be complacent so long as such conditions prevail. In proportion as we make our nation a Christian nation indeed, so will

the crime record diminish and disappear".

Fighting the Liquor Traffic

How our hearts have ached as we have seen the prohibition laws pass from the statute books of our nation and of our states and have seen the liquor business again legalized and even exploited as a means of increasing national and state revenue! How we have wept as we have seen the saloon appearing again in the form of "Liquor Stores", hotel bars and even corners of grocery and drug stores where beer and wine are sold! How we have grieved over the vicious and unscrupulous advertising of the liquor forces—beautiful colored pages in magazines, attractive billboards picturing lovely girls with glasses in their hands, enticing radio announcements etc. We are told that "there are now in the nation nearly a half million licensed business organizations engaged in the manufacture, distribution and sale of intoxicating beverages". In the four years between 1933 and 1937 about twelve and a half billion dollars were spent for the consumption of liquor; over two billion lost in highway accidents due to liquor; with industrial losses due to liquor estimated at five billion dollars—making a total cost of liquor for four years in our country about twenty billion dollars.

It is interesting to note how the liquor people themselves pretend to stand for "temperance", advertising some particular brand of beer or wine as "The great American temperance drink", and otherwise suggesting that it is not only respectable but safe and ethical to drink "temperately". A sign like this is seen on the windows of a certain liquor store—**"Don't Drive While Drinking"**. Such an admonition is a confession of the danger of drinking. The liquor forces know that the large number of casualties due to drunken drivers is hurting their business and are therefore trying to make it appear that they are on the side of public safety. We know that

those who drink at all will sometimes drive when drinking. We know also that a little drinking usually ends in excessive drinking and that the only safe policy is absolute abstinence. That being the case the only safe policy for a nation is prohibition. Any nation which adds to its revenue at the expense of the safety, happiness and prosperity of its people is on the downward path to destruction. We believe that the day will come when the American people will see what the liquor traffic is doing for the nation and "will arise in their strength to destroy this monster evil and redeem their honor from the shame and disgrace which it now bears".

Interracial Justice

God's standard for a righteous nation includes interracial justice. Often in His commands to His chosen people did God remember those of other races who lived among them, making it a part of their national righteousness that these should receive just treatment at their hands. Our nation has many strangers within her gates. We are a nation of many nations. Surely it is our duty and opportunity as a Christian nation to demonstrate God's standard for interracial justice. The Negroes and those of other races who live among us should have a fair part of all the blessings the land affords. They should have equal and impartial administration of justice in the courts, fair compensation for their labor and equal industrial and educational advantages.

We must acknowledge that our interracial relationships are not altogether as Christian as they should be. We discriminate against those of other races in education, in industry, in housing conditions, in the courts and even in our churches. The Negro especially has been unfairly treated in many respects. He lives usually under undesirable conditions; he receives smaller wages than the white man for doing the same work; his children go to school in buildings inferior to those provided for white children; and all too often he

fails to receive justice in the courts. The frequent lynching of Negroes is a national disgrace. While there has been lynchings in all the states of the union, except in six New England states, we must acknowledge with shame that about 80 per cent of all lynchings have been in the southern states. However, in the last few years "public opinion against lynching in the south has been growing stronger and more articulate". The "Association of Southern Women for the Prevention of Lynching" has done much to curb this evil. Quoting *The Reader's Digest* (Nov., 1939): "This organization has 40,000 members now, it is backed by 2,000,000 more women as members of a long list of social, civic and religious groups; and it is a real power in the war on mob murder . . . In the eight years before they organized there were 211 lynchings; in the eight years since, there have been 105". There are fewer lynchings each year, with only four in the whole nation in 1939. There were 42 instances in which officers of the law prevented lynchings in 1938.

Promoting Americanism

Our nation was founded on the principles of liberty—freedom of the press, freedom of public speech, freedom in all matters of religion, freedom for the individual in his pursuit of prosperity, happiness and well-being. We believe that freedom is a part of God's standard for a nation, that He never intended that any people should be downtrodden by dictators or other despotic forms of government. Anything that threatens the freedom of our land is anti-American and anti-Christian.

We need to realize that there are many forces at work against American principles of government. Communistic ideals are abroad in the land. Under the guise of being friends to the underprivileged classes communist leaders are deceiving thousands of good Americans, making them believe that communism offers a solution to their economic and social problems. What they

need to understand is that communism will rob them of the most precious things of American life and make them slaves to the most despotic form of government the world has ever known.

We who understand the dangers of communism need to realize the strength of the movement in this country. We need to realize that communism seeks to control the labor unions. We need to realize that there are communistic schools enrolling thousands of students. We need to realize that in the leading universities of the country there are strong communistic influences. A student, writing in a recent issue of one of America's leading magazines, says: "I think the average adult American would be surprised if he knew just how many prominent educators in American colleges are active members of the communist party". And again he says: "There are a great many more young communists in the universities of this country than most of the adult population even dares to realize". All of this should make us resolve to stand strong for American principles of liberty and to fight with all our powers against any propaganda or any movement that is anti-American or anti-Christian.

Preserving Peace

The most important problem before the nation today is that of keeping peace. We are thankful because the sentiment for peace is strong and because it seems that all in authority are trying to prevent war. We believe that God's golden rule should be applied to nations. If nations would learn to be just and unselfish in their dealings with each other there would never be another war. The trouble is that all nations are selfish. All are greedy. All want for themselves what rightfully belongs to others and they go to war to get what they want.

While our nation is at peace, we cannot claim that we are guiltless of this spirit of greed and neither can we claim that we are having no part in the con-

licts raging in Europe and Asia. As long as we buy imported Japanese products we are aiding Japan in her war against China. As long as Americans are allowed to send ammunitions to warring nations we cannot claim to be guiltless of the sin of warfare. An article in a current magazine reminds us that Americans have made at least 35 million dollars out of scrap-iron shipped to Japan, and quotes some one as saying that there was a drop of blood on every ounce of that iron before it turned to rust in the soil of China. Doubtless, some of us sold old stoves or other bits of iron and rejoiced over making money out of useless rubbish. Americans want peace for themselves but they are willing to profit financially by the wars of other nations.

We love peace, we want peace, we believe that God's standard for all nations requires that they be at peace with each other. Then let us work for peace. Let us teach peace, beginning with our children—and, remember, we cannot teach peace by giving them toy pistols and guns with which to play! Every time a child is given such a toy the seed of a soldier or a gangster is planted and the harvest may be reaped on a battlefield or in a penitentiary. While we are teaching peace we must practice peace before our children by having no part in any business that helps to provide funds or ammunition for warring nations. We must be as peaceful in our actions as we are in our convictions and our desires. Let us pray that our nation may stick to God's standards in all her international relationships and let us do our utmost to keep her in the ways of peace.

The Christian Sunday

One of God's standards for the individual, for the home and for the nation is the observance of Sunday as a day of rest and worship. At the time of creation God instituted the seventh day of the week as a day of rest. He commanded His chosen people to keep the seventh day holy; and their his-

tory shows that when they obeyed this command they were blessed and that when they failed to obey it they were afflicted. With the resurrection of Jesus the Jewish observance of the seventh day was changed to the Christian observance of the first day in the week. However, the sacredness of the day has not changed. Sunday is as holy a day with us as was the Sabbath to the Jews.

Those who understand God's standard for His day must be alarmed at the increase of Sunday desecration. Sunday is becoming not a holy day but a holiday. To many it is not a day of worship or rest but a day of work or recreation. Stores, filling stations and other places of business are open, thus making it necessary for employees to work on Sunday. Others who do not have to work spend Sunday riding, picnicking, going to movies, ball games etc., without any thought of the sacredness of the day. Even Christians—even those who think they are faithful church members—are permitting themselves to be led into Sunday desecration. Many seem to think that if they go to Sunday school and the preaching service on Sunday morning it is all right to spend the rest of the day as they please. It has become quite the thing, even among Christians, to plan teas for Sunday afternoon and parties for Sunday evenings. Surely we need to watch lest these things take us away from God's standard of a day kept holy for His worship and service. And surely we should watch and fight that Sunday laws on our statute books may be retained and enforced and that stricter rather than more lenient laws may be enacted.

The people of Holland used to call Sunday "God's Dike". The idea was that just as their great sea walls kept the ocean from swallowing up their homes, their children and their cattle, so did the great Sunday wall protect them from the ocean of lawlessness and worldliness which would swallow them up. Surely we too need "God's Dike"—

a Sunday kept holy which will serve as a wall to protect us from oceans of evil around us.

GOD'S STANDARD and the W.M.U.

IN the Plan of Work of Woman's Missionary Union is a section devoted to **Moral Standards.**

This section starts out with the statement: "We reaffirm our responsibility as Christian citizens and declare ourselves to stand for"—and then under four captions follows a list of the W.M.U. ideals for morality and Christian citizenship. Our ideals for **international** relationships include international and interracial justice and world peace. Our **national** ideals include patriotism, prohibition, interracial justice, Christian Americanization and universal education. In the **community**, we stand for law observance, improved industrial conditions, child welfare and public health. For the **home**, we would have family altars, total abstinence, Christian observance of Sunday and high standards of speech, dress and conduct.

We are glad that our organization,

which is essentially missionary in its purpose, includes these moral standards among its ideals. We believe that there is a fundamental relationship between missions and Christian citizenship. We believe that the highest type of a Christian citizen must be missionary in spirit and that he who is missionary in spirit will be a good Christian citizen. Moreover, we believe that the best way to promote moral righteousness is to win people to Christ. As we win to Christ individuals in the home, in the community, in the nation and to the ends of the world we will be promoting God's standards of personal purity and moral righteousness. The best way to fight the liquor traffic, Sabbath desecration, communism, war and every other evil that threatens God's moral standards for the world, is a world-wide crusade of evangelism. So as members of the Woman's Missionary Union we will stand firmly by God's standards, in our individual lives, in our homes and in our nation and then will promote these standards throughout the world by doing our utmost to win the world to Christ.

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Where is found the Christian's standard of character and conduct?
2. Who is the Christian's example in character and conduct?
3. Discuss some of the enemies to right living which the individual must fight.
4. How many people are enlisted in the army of crime?
5. Discuss divorce as the enemy of the home.
6. How may we create a Christian atmosphere in the home?
7. Discuss the lawlessness of our nation.
8. Discuss the liquor condition in our country today.
9. What are the signs of the American people desiring to return to prohibition?
10. How may our nation reach God's standard of interracial justice?
11. Discuss the causes and prevention of lynching.
12. Why is communism anti-American and anti-Christian?
13. How can we help keep our nation out of war?
14. Do we observe Sunday as a day of rest and worship?
15. How is the promotion of moral standards a part of the missionary work of W.M.U.?

REFERENCE MATERIAL

The following list of reference material is the chief source used in the preparation of foregoing 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

Southern Baptist Home Missions

—The Commission

State Baptist Papers

Southern Baptist Handbook for 1939

Dr. E. P. Alldredge

Report of Social Service Commission in Minutes of S.B.C. 1939

1939 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Reported by States

Name of State	Goal	Total Receipts	For Cases Not in Southwide Goal	Retained for State Expenses	Resultant toward Southwide Goal
Ala	\$ 12,800.00	\$ 13,167.12	\$	\$ 132.00	\$ 13,035.12
Ariz		429.32			429.32
Ark	6,000.00	9,256.88		250.00	9,006.88
D.C.	900.00	1,069.58			1,069.58
Fla	9,000.00	9,199.54		121.46	9,078.08
Ga		21,631.19			21,631.19
Ill.	2,750.00	3,635.18	425.00	40.80	3,169.38
Ky	12,000.00	19,534.11	7,534.11	222.75	11,777.25
La	12,583.86	8,928.28		93.95	8,834.33
Md	2,500.00	2,454.97			2,454.97
Miss	12,500.00	15,210.85			15,210.85
Mo	13,500.00	11,743.25		220.43	13,522.82
N.M.	1,716.00	1,743.01			1,743.01
N.C.	38,000.00	38,516.10	100.00	280.46	38,146.64
Okla	11,200.00	12,752.18		191.92	12,560.26
S.C.	21,000.00	22,621.49	2,600.00	163.99	19,857.50
Tenn	17,000.00	21,845.11		199.50	21,645.61
Tex	45,000.00	67,768.83	12,418.83	350.00	35,000.00
Va	40,390.00	47,540.00	27,540.00		20,000.00
Totals	\$260,819.86	\$331,026.99	\$70,617.94	\$2,276.26	\$258,132.79

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Young Women's Auxiliary

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

NOW THAT APRIL'S COME

NOW that April has come we must begin to make definite plans for summer. For Young Woman's Auxiliary members such plans should include Y.W.A. Camp at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, July 2-12, 1940. Is there a Woman's Missionary Society or a Young Woman's Auxiliary that hasn't heard of this valuable ten-day conference, the largest conference of Baptist young women anywhere in the world? Probably it is the largest conference of any Christian young women, too. And having heard, you want to have your Young Woman's Auxiliary represented there, not simply because it is numerically so successful—size doesn't always weigh the most in spiritual matters—but because it has meant so much in each life in each church represented. Prayer molds the planning and prayer guides the hours at Y.W.A. Camp; and a fellowship of prayer guards the young women after Camp days are ended so that it is no wonder much good has come from the Y.W.A. Camp at Ridgecrest.

You can be confident that the ten days in this coming July will be blessed by the presence of the Holy Spirit. The personnel of the speakers, the selection of missionaries and the presence of denominational leaders give promise of bringing together great hearts that habitually abide in the Lord. In these chaotic days of turmoil, young women especially need this period of worship and meditation, of study and spiritual stimulus that their souls may grow more sure in the things that cannot be shaken.

Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon, man of deep devotion, will come from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, to open the Word of God daily to the young women at Ridgecrest. Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, faithful heart, will lead the early morning worship services. Mrs. W. J. Cox, gracious interpreter of Christlike living, will speak at vespers. Miss Kathleen Mallory, intrepid leader, will bless by her presence and words. Dr. Mary E. Woolley, one of America's twelve greatest women, will speak. Missionaries and missionary travelers will be there to lead mission study classes: among them Dr. and Mrs. M. T. Rankin, Dr. and Mrs. Maxfield Garrott, Miss Elizabeth Hale, Mrs. George McWilliams, Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, Miss Inabelle Coleman, Miss Wilma Bucy. The secretaries of our great denominational Boards will bring their messages of challenge. Mr. Charles A. Wells and Dr. Leslie Bates Moss, sensitive to the world's need for adventurous Christians, will speak. Mrs. R. K. Redwine will be the chaperon. With the help of the choice state W.M.U. leaders, Miss Elma Currin and Miss Juliette Mather will direct the Camp program and activities. There are always unannounced surprise features which add a continual glow of happiness day by day. Recreation directors will see that this ten days is a real vacation; nurses will be present to care for any untoward illness.

Travel from the home church can be arranged pleasantly. Write your state W.M.U. young people's leader at once for reservation at Y.W.A. Camp and for
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Our Young People

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

A NEW BEGINNING

APRIL with its full return of spring speaks of a new beginning, hope undimmed for the future, of seed sowing time and the promise of harvest days to come. So if your Woman's Missionary Society has not already appointed a Sunbeam Baby visitor, April is the month for doing so. Babies are always new beginnings, "life again, hope again"; seed sown in a baby's heart, cultivated with care through growing days, will bring harvest in years ahead. Woman's Missionary Union would remind every W.M.U. young people's director about the importance of securing the services of a gracious Sunbeam Baby visitor.

Naturally enough the visitor's main attention is bestowed on the new baby's mother. What better way to enlist the new mother in the Woman's Missionary Society when she can attend again? The Sunbeam Baby visitor will call on all mothers of new babies in the church congregation. The S. S. Cradle Roll Department superintendent will visit also but, in these changeful days with new schedules and new interests, too many definitely enlistment calls can hardly be made to assure the mother of the interest of the church in her and her baby. This is a strategic time for the W.M.S. representative to call. The mother and the baby are both impressionable for Kingdom thoughts.

The Sunbeam Baby visitor will take with her the very attractive Sunbeam Baby card which is a lovely picture of a mother and child with a prayer poem. If desired, this may be framed before presentation so it can be hung over the baby's bed, seen by the mother whenever she picks baby up or puts him to sleep again, reminding her of the mothers in all the world, stretching her thoughts beyond her own circle to the hosts of underprivileged unChristian mothers who need the Christ who glorified motherhood and babyhood. It will be delightful to keep the pictures of Sunbeam Babies in a Woman's Missionary Union Baby Book. The Young Woman's Auxiliary or the Girls' Auxiliary will be happy to make this book for the society. If pictures cannot be kept, at least a roster of babies' and mothers' names will be carefully made.

Call more than once, to be sure, and turn the conversation to missions. Take an offering box for the mother to keep to put in special gifts for the baby's sake.

On the baby's birthday, the Sunbeam Baby visitor can take the leaflet letter, supplied free on request from state W.M.U. headquarters as is the birthday card. By the second birthday, the Girls' Auxiliaries will have made a Sunday Scrapbook for the Sunbeam Baby visitor to take to the baby, who will appreciate a gift himself now. The Sunday scrapbook should be different from an ordinary scrapbook. Let it contain pictures that will speak of the things of Christianity—pictures of Jesus Christ as a baby, as a boy, pictures of churches, of steeples and bells, of children of the world, pictures of the Bible as a book itself and pictures of Bible characters and events. The girls will have a lovely time making such a specialized scrapbook, and the baby will enjoy it just on Sunday, beginning at once to realize that one day is different from other days for him.

Sunbeam Babies cannot be called or considered an organization. Only dic-

tators organize babies. This is just an established contact between the mother and baby and the missionary society—a contact that will develop and grow and lead mother into active missionary interest and the baby into Sunbeam Band at four years of age and thence, with expanding horizons bright before him, into his particular God-given place in the big world his mother has been mindful of through all his days and years.

Have you appointed your Sunbeam Baby visitor?

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details about plans for the journey from your state. It is not expensive when the total value of attending Y.W.A. Camp is considered. Room with board in the hotel is \$2 a day; \$2.50 with private bath. There are a limited number of \$1.75 and \$1.50 spaces also. A \$2 enrolment fee is paid by all who attend Y.W.A. Camp; of this \$1 goes to the management of Ridgcrest, the other \$1 goes to the Y.W.A. Camp for the program.

And the value of the investment? Let your society select carefully with the Y.W.A. a capable Y.W.A. member, pay part of her trip expenses, let her or the Y.W.A. pay the rest. Pray for her as she goes, then wait to see what she will bring back as lasting dividends in missionary interest. Will you begin such plans definitely, now that April's come? Of course!

BIBLE STUDY (Concluded from Page 19)

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Earth's labor and earth's sorrow;
For faith and hope and love abide,
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The soul can face tomorrow".

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Current Missionary Events

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

The Boston correspondent for the *Christian Century* reports that Dr. Kirtley Mather—head of the Department of Geology at Harvard University and a brother of our W.M.U. young people's secretary, Miss Juliette Mather—told the American Association for the Advancement of Science in a recent address that "man's golden age is still in the future". He is further quoted as having said that two antagonistic alternatives present themselves as solutions for the present problems of the world. They are regimentation or democracy. "Regimentation may be good for man as an animal: needs for earthly goods may be supplied. But if man attempts to live by bread alone", said Dr. Mather. "he commits collective suicide. The best and perhaps only chance for mankind to succeed is through progress in the art of living on a high spiritual plane. Precisely those qualities which have long been extolled in Christian doctrine must be developed to the fullest possible extent". "So the scientist reinforces the evangelist", says the *Christian Century* correspondent.

Miss Janie W. McGaughey, secretary of Women's Work in the Presbyterian Church, U.S., in a recent article—commenting on the challenge, "What a power this audience would be if every Christian here were living at his maximum", thrown out to a great audience by Dr. George W. Truett—paraphrases the idea in a challenge to the women of her church: "What a power would be generated in this old world today if every woman in our church were genuinely enlisted for Christ and living to her utmost for Him!" Then she adds: "Women touch more intimately every group in the church than others do, while mothers make or mar Christian influence on the home. Both older and younger women reach out and touch life

in the community, the schools, the business world, in industry and in many of the leading professions. What a power for Christ if every church woman were enlisted and each living at her maximum for His glory!"

The Christian Herald calls attention to the fact that "The Lord's Day Alliance" is responsible for the decision to open the 1940 New York World's Fair on Saturday and not on Sunday as was done in 1939. The Alliance was also very active in fighting indecent shows at the Fair in 1939 and will keep up the fight as it did in trying to guard the Christian Sabbath. The Alliance is made up of an interdenominational group under the leadership of a Methodist president and a Presbyterian secretary.

A missionary of the Church Missionary Society in one of Japan's large cities writes that among the many questions asked by young men who come from middle and high schools and from a government training college for English and Bible study was found the following: "Why do Japanese Christians drink no wine?"

From various authentic sources have been gleaned the following items as to the liquor traffic in the United States: The per capita consumption of alcoholic liquors increased from 1.69 gallons in 1933 to 14.30 gallons in 1938. . . . It is estimated that three times as many women and girls work in taverns and bars as there are women in the public universities, colleges and teachers' normal schools in the country. . . . There are figures to support the fact that there is great increase in drinking among women since the repeal of national prohibition. . . . In 1932 in Washington, D. C., 140 women were arrested for drunkenness; in 1938 the number had grown to 1465.

I Am a Steward

Of God-given talents—Matt. 25:14-29
Of God's revealed law—Rom. 3:1-4
Of the Gospel—I Cor. 4:1-5
Of Christ's Grace—I Pet. 4:7-11
—Rev. T. M. Stevenson, Pa., November 1939
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Convention Hall, BALTIMORE, MD.

THIS immense building contains Baltimore's commodious Convention Hall, capable of seating 12,000 people. Among its many significant gatherings was that of the National Democratic Party in 1912 when Woodrow Wilson was nominated for president. The hall is equipped with a modern public address system and with special ventilating devices. Here southern Baptists expect to meet in annual session during the week of June 9. The opening session will be held that Sunday afternoon.

At that time will commence the fifty-second annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union. The Sunday night session will also be held in Convention Hall, as will likewise be the Monday morning, afternoon and evening sessions and the three on Tuesday, the 11th. Since by rail Baltimore is only an overnight ride from a host of southern communities, being appreciably nearer to many others and only 33 hours from New Orleans or 37 from Dallas, it is confidently believed that W.M.U. members will largely and loyally plan to reach Baltimore before or by June 9. (See also pages 1, 4 and 13.)