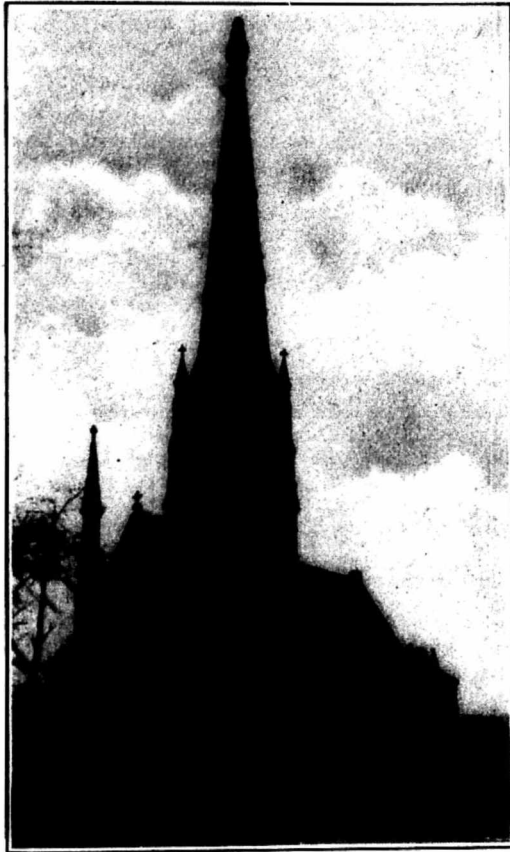


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Editorial

EYES on BALTIMORE

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

THE tentative program for the Fifty-second Annual Meeting of Woman's Missionary Union is presented (pages 5-7) with assurance that it will quicken interest and lead each delegate and visitor to determine to be present for the sacred Sunday morning worship service in the Eutaw Place Baptist Church, dear to W.M.U. because Miss Annie Armstrong and her sister, Miss Alice, and many other early and later leaders were once or are today its members. Through the courtesy of its pastor, Reverend Clyde Atkins, the officers of W.M.U. have secured as the speaker for that service Dr. Leslie Bates Moss, secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America. His message will be reward enough for any added effort expended to be in Baltimore for Sunday morning, June 9.

The Sunday afternoon program in Convention Hall promises rare inspiration in the address of Mrs. W. J. Cox, rightly regarded as the outstanding woman speaker among Baptists and certainly ranking with the highest among all women of this generation. New inspiration for service to the cause of missions awaits those who hurry to Baltimore for this first formal session of the annual meeting. Mr. Charles A. Wells will also appear on this Sunday afternoon program; his dynamic messages on missions and allied subjects, devout and Christ centered, have won for him an enviable national reputation. No one can afford to miss this Sunday afternoon program or the Sunday night one which gives us a home missionary, an outstanding missionary address and a most unusual presentation of "The Cross and the World", the dramatic feature of the entire meeting.

It will be noted that missionaries, home and foreign, are to lead devotionals. Each will have adequate time to present personal experiences and observations on their respective fields; nothing, we believe, could contribute more effectively to a spirit of real devotion. Mrs. George McWilliams, newly appointed member of the Foreign Mission Board, and Miss Louise Smith will present eye-witness testimony of the march of missions in South America.

Observance of the "Thirtieth Anniversary of Personal Service" will feature the Monday afternoon program. Recognition of Business Women's Circles, "How Observe the Seasons of Prayer", W.M.U. work in other lands are unique presentations. "For a Debtless Denomination by 1945" will receive dramatic presentation as the Union's auxiliary relation to the Southern Baptist Convention is exemplified in its fixed purpose to be a real helper to the Convention in this worthy objective. Eager interest centers in the W.M.U. Training School and its building program. Dr. J. R. Sampey congratulates the Union on securing remarkable value for the money invested in the new plant. You are sure to rejoice in evidences of the Spirit's leadership as Training School progress, material and spiritual, is reported. Miss Nannie H. Burroughs of Washington, D. C., is a featured speaker, anticipating the program of cooperation with southern Negro Baptist women and young people which is the outgrowth of a long cherished hope of W.M.U. made possible through the Golden Jubilee.

Study the program here presented (pages 5-7), knowing that it will be en-

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Annual Meeting

Tentative Program

Fifty-second Annual Meeting of Woman's Missionary Union
Baltimore, Maryland, June 9-11, 1940

Program Theme: "That Thy way may be known upon earth,
Thy salvation among all nations"

COMMITTEE MEETINGS, Saturday, June 8, 1940

Belvedere Hotel

- 9 A.M. **Southwide Committees:** Margaret Fund, Mission Study, Personal Service, Stewardship, Missionary Education of Young People
- 2 P.M. **Joint Session** of W.M.U. Executive Committee and State W.M.U. Executive and Young People's Secretaries

Sunday, June 9

- 11 A.M. **Worship Service** in Eutaw Place Baptist Church, the church home of Miss Annie Armstrong, honored first corresponding secretary of W.M.U., and of many others notable in the early life and later history of the Union. The pastor having granted the privilege of selection of the speaker for this hour, the sermon will be delivered by a great missionary statesman, Dr. Leslie Bates Moss.

- 3 P.M. in **Baltimore's Convention Hall, Formal Opening of Annual Meeting**
Hymn, Prayer, Devotional: "We Have Heard the Joyful Sound"

---Foreign Missionary
---Special Music

Organization

Address—Mrs. W. J. Cox

Chorus

Address—Mr. Charles A. Wells

Feature Closing: "Jesus Saves"—The Word—Benediction

- 8 P.M. in **Convention Hall**

Hymn, Prayer, Scripture

Special Music by Chorus

Devotional: "Spread the Tidings All Around"—Home Missionary

Special Music

Missionary Address

"The Cross and the World", a Graphic Colloquy

Benediction

Monday Morning, June 10

9:30 Hymn, Prayer, Reading of Minutes
Devotional: "Bear the News to Every Land"—Foreign Missionary
Appointment of Committees
Election of Nominating Committee —Solo
President's Message—Mrs. F. W. Armstrong
"That Thy way may be known upon earth"
Through General Activities of W.M.U.
—Miss Kathleen Mallory, *Executive Secretary*
Through Missionary Education of Young People
—Miss Juliette Mather, *Young People's Secretary*
Address—Mr. Charles A. Wells
Feature Closing: "Jesus Saves"—The Word—Benediction

Monday Afternoon, June 10

2:30 Hymn, Prayer, Reading of Minutes
Devotional: "Tell to Sinners Far and Wide"—Home Missionary
"That Thy way may be known upon earth"
Through Gifts
Report of Treasurer—Mrs. W. J. Cox
Report of Auditor
Through Mission Study—Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, *Chairman*
Through Stewardship—Mrs. Carter Wright, *Chairman*
Through Personal Service—Mrs. Eureka Whiteker, *Chairman*
(Featuring the 30th Anniversary)
Address—Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, *Washington, D. C.*
Feature Closing: "Jesus Saves"—The Word—Benediction

Monday Evening, June 10

7:30 Hymn, Prayer, Reading of Minutes
Devotional: "Sing above the Battle Strife"—Foreign Missionary
Greetings and Presentation of Hostess Committee
—Mrs. Wayland A. Harrison, *Chairman of W.M.U. Committee on Arrangements, Baltimore*
Special Music
"That Thy salvation may be known among all nations"
"For a Debtless Denomination by 1945"
—Mrs. Carter Wright, *W.M.U. Promoter*
Missionary Address
Feature Closing: "Jesus Saves"—The Word—Benediction

Tuesday Morning, June 11

9:30 Hymn, Prayer, Reading of Minutes
Devotional: "Shout Salvation Full and Free"—Home Missionary
Report of Board of Managers of W.M.U.
Advisory Board of Southwestern Training School
—Mrs. B. A. Copass, *Texas*
Advisory Board of Baptist Bible Institute
—Mrs. T. B. Sellers, *Louisiana*

"That Thy way may be known"

Through W.M.U. Literature Dept.—Miss Ethel Winfield, *Secretary*
Through W.M.U. Plan of Work
Through the Margaret Fund—Mrs. H. M. Rhodes, *Chairman*
Through Business Women's Circles
—Speakers from Virginia, Tennessee and South Carolina
Special Music
"Sing in Triumph o'er the Tomb"—Memorial Service
Personal Experiences in South America
—Miss Louise Smith, *Florida*
—Mrs. G. A. McWilliams, *Missouri*
Feature Closing: "Jesus Saves"—The Word—Benediction

Tuesday Afternoon, June 11

2:30 Hymn, Prayer, Reading of Minutes
Devotional: "Let the Nations Now Rejoice"—Foreign Missionary
Reports of Committees
Greetings, Appreciation, Registration, Nominations
Hymn
"That Thy salvation may be known among all nations"
Through Observance of the Seasons of Prayer
The State Season—Florida
Home Season—Georgia
Foreign Season—North Carolina
The Seasons' Offerings—Texas
Day of Prayer around the World and the
March Day of Prayer—Oklahoma
Young People's Organizations Participating
The Day of Prayer in a Foreign Land—Foreign Missionary
The Day of Prayer in a Home Field—Home Missionary
Through W.M.U. in Other Lands
Feature Closing: "Jesus Saves"—The Word—Benediction

Tuesday Evening, June 11

7:30 Hymn, Prayer, Reading of Minutes
Devotional: "This Our Song of Victory, Jesus Saves, Jesus Saves"
—Mrs. E. B. Mathews, *Maryland*
"That Thy way may be known on earth, Thy salvation among all nations"
Through the W.M.U. Training School
—Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, *Principal*
Through Plans for 1940 Season of Prayer for Foreign Missions
—Mrs. G. A. McWilliams, *Chairman*
Through Plans for 1941 Season of Prayer for Home Missions
—Miss Blanche S. White, *Va., Chairman*
Missionary Address
Adjournment
Feature Closing: "Jesus Saves"—The Word—Benediction

CHAIRMEN of W.M.U. COMMITTEES for June Meeting in Baltimore



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DR. LESLIE BATES MOSS will preach the missionary sermon at the 11 o'clock service on Sunday morning, June 9, in Eutaw Place Baptist Church. Please plan to hear him in this historic Baptist church, a charter member of which was Miss Annie Armstrong.

MR. CHARLES A. WELLS, internationally known lecturer and illustrator, will graphically depict his personal impressions of mission lands at the Sunday afternoon session of Woman's Missionary Union, June 9, in Baltimore's Convention Hall. This offers a rare opportunity to hear Mr. Wells.

A GRAPHIC COLLOQUY will be one of the many choice features of the Sunday night W.M.U. session, June 9, in Baltimore's Convention Hall. The world's need of Christ will be impressively set forth.

A SIGNIFICANT MEETING

DELIVING back into the history of any one of our United States, we find interesting events and unique stories and, sometimes, the foundation facts of certain traditional names we ordinarily accept without ever stopping to think whence they originated. So we speak of Maryland as "The Old Line State", perhaps without realizing that the title dates back to an ancient dispute between the families of William Penn and the Lords Baltimore, possessors of Pennsylvania and Maryland, respectively. Two English surveyors, Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon, were called in to survey the boundary between these two states. The east-and-west line was thereafter called the Mason and Dixon's line and was marked by milestones. On one side of these markers was stamped M for Maryland; on the other side, P for Pennsylvania. Through the years many of these milestones were removed and used as door steps, curbstones, foundations and for other purposes; but, oddly enough, all have been recovered and replaced. Occasionally, also, controversies have arisen as to the exact position of the line, but surveys made in 1849 and 1900 showed no important error and it has remained at the original latitude.

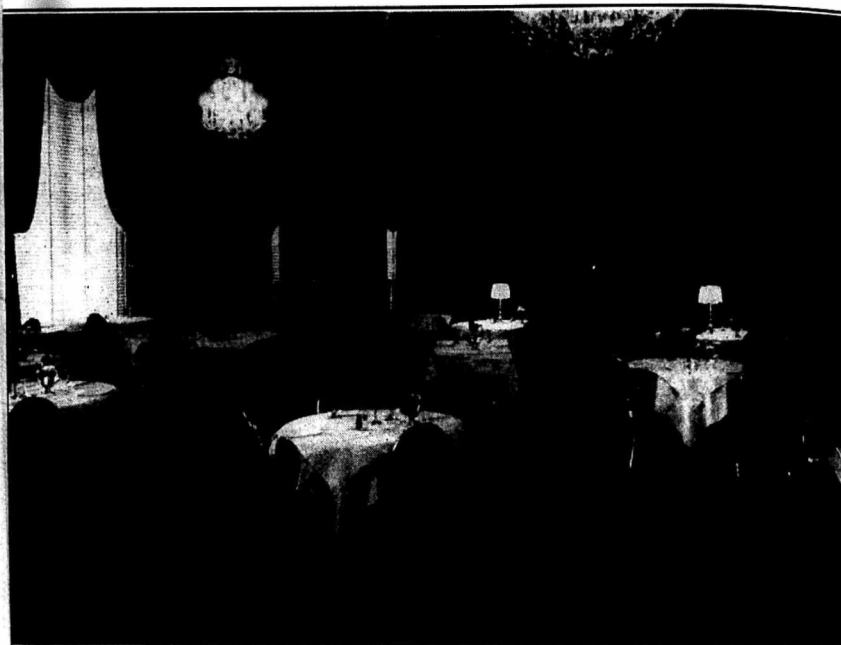
An interesting bit of history, but of what significance? To many Pennsylvanians and Marylanders, this 200-year-old boundary has been of considerable importance. Would that the boundaries of small groups everywhere might be as lasting and amicable! And, as I read the story, some way the words of the W.M.U. theme for the missionary topics for 1940 would not be stilled: "Steadfast Purpose in a Changing World". There are some purposes,

some verities, some principles, which are eternal though the modes and circumstances and outward accompaniments of life change and change again. Only let us be very sure that we do not confuse the issues; that we do not mistake permanent for temporal, small commandments for great.

One unchanging command we have—"Go tell"—and to obey that commission W.M.U. was planned and organized and still continues. Today the method of our going—and perhaps also of our telling—is quite unlike that of other years, but the content of that message and its power are still the same. Do we sometimes look back with regret to earlier days when it seems to us the light shone more brightly, the witness was clearer, with results more world-moving? The power is as great and inexhaustible as ever. Shall we let it flow through us unhindered, or shall we bar its course by self-consideration and indifference and prejudice? Our spoken message is indeed sorely needed by the world, but it even more deeply lacks the unanswerable argument of Christ-like lives. Too often profession and behavior have contradicted each other and no convincing message resulted.

We here, in Baltimore, are busy getting ready for your coming. You who plan to attend the June meeting are making preparations too. Let us not fail in the most important prerequisite of all—much prayer—prayer for ourselves as individuals that no one of us shall be out of touch with our Lord, prayer for every session of our annual meeting, that His will may be done and His name glorified!—*Mrs. James Neely, Baltimore W.M.U. Publicity Chairman*

MRS. W. J. COX will make the opening address at the Sunday afternoon, June 9, annual meeting session of Woman's Missionary Union. Loyal delegates and eager visitors will rejoice to reach Baltimore's Convention Hall in time to hear Mrs. Cox.



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At *The Belvedere* on Saturday morning, June 8, there will convene at 9 o'clock the annual meeting of the following southwide W.M.U. committees: Margaret Fund, Mission Study, Personal Service, Stewardship, Missionary Education of Young People. That Saturday afternoon and evening will be given to the annual meetings of the W.M.U. Executive Committee and state W.M.U. secretaries. All members of these various committees are earnestly desired at their respective meetings on Saturday, June 8. (See pages 1, 4-9, 11, 36.)

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Margaret Fund

Chairman: Mrs. H. M. Rhodes, Tennessee

"I will praise Thy Name, for Thou hast done wonderful things!"—Isa. 25:1

AS the time approaches for our annual meeting in Baltimore, we are again reminded of the goodness of God in granting us the privilege of another year's work for Him and of hearing the reports and seeing some of the "fruits of our labors." Surely there is no fruit that is sweeter and more fragrant and of greater usefulness than that of the Margaret Fund in the education of the fine young people who come into our midst from the well-grounded high type homes of our missionaries. While we are privileged to see some of these fruits, certainly the cultivation of this precious "crop" is an ever-bearing investment, a never-ending joy and an ever-increasing "commodity." How joyous are our hearts when we realize that, when "it is done unto the least of these," it is done unto our Saviour and in His Name! His work is not limited but ever increases and spreads and is carried to every nation, often by these who are trained "in His Name." Surely all these who enjoy this honor and opportunity will make the best use of this investment from our Lord's treasury, and all interested or connected with the Margaret Fund will encourage a realization and appreciation of its origin.

We look forward with great interest to the Margaret Fund Committee meeting in Baltimore on Saturday morning, June 8, at 9 o'clock at the Belvedere Hotel. It is important that all states be represented. The state chairmen are urged to be present but, if this is impossible, please have your state vice-president or state executive secretary to represent you. This is the only such meeting of the Margaret Fund Committee during the year. We here pass upon scholarship requests, as well as consider the work and policy of Margaret Fund for the year.

On Thursday, June 13, the Margaret Fund Alumni Luncheon will be held. All former Margaret Fund students are urged to attend this "get-together", as well as any present students or their parents. Others who are eligible to attend are the state chairmen or their representatives. Further announcement of this will be in the registration envelope of the W.M.U. annual meeting.

All applications for scholarships should be sent at once to the chairman: Mrs. H. M. Rhodes, 269 Kenilworth, Memphis, Tenn. Students will also see that their reports are sent to the chairman, as soon as received at the end of the present semester. We would here remind you of the Elizabeth Lowndes Scholarship and urge all students to "try" to earn it through good scholarship, leadership and Christian living and character. The chairman needs the summer addresses of students, so urge that these be sent her.

May each of us be faithful to our task as we are associated with the Margaret Fund—students in their work and responsibilities in college; chairmen in their duties under the "Fund"; and all of us to our precious Redeemer as we carry out our part of the responsibility of evangelizing the world. We should praise His name for the wonderful salvation, the freedom of worship and the privilege of serving Him that He has given us. Praise ye the Lord!—Mrs. H. M. Rhodes

EDITORIAL (Concluded from Page 4)

riched by gifted personalities when finally offered in Baltimore June 9-11. All members of southwide committees will want to reach Baltimore for their important and informing meetings on Saturday, June 8. If cars are going from your locality to the meeting of the S.B.C., plan with the drivers to reach Baltimore in time for all of the W.M.U. meeting. Pastors are doubly welcome at the W.M.U. meeting; they frequently testify that from it they receive great missionary inspiration. Circumstances over which we had no control forced us to have only a one-day meeting or else follow the plan of opening on Sunday. Loyal members will not fail to register early, knowing the blessings in store for them. All W.M.U. eyes on Baltimore for June 9-11 inclusive!

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For a Debtless Denomination

Mrs. Carter Wright, W.M.U. Promoter for a Debtless Denomination

(NOTE: Because of the increased emphasis W.M.U. is giving all debt-paying efforts of southern Baptists, the following article is reprinted. It can easily be adapted to whatever debt-paying plan your state follows. Its simplicity will commend its use in meetings of societies and associations. Following its presentation, distribute membership pledge cards, which are free for the asking from your state W.M.U. headquarters, and urge those present to sign them, then and there. One of the big "leaks" in our "ship" is our failure to crystallize inspiration into action.—Mrs. Carter Wright, Southwide Stewardship Chairman)

AREN'T YOU among THESE?

IF EN members of the W.M.U. of Average Town joined the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club. They said:

Mrs. Fair Play: "When times were good we began a house, expecting to pay for it out of my husband's comfortable salary. The depression reduced his monthly earnings. It was then necessary to borrow money for obligations already incurred.—Now God has been good to us and the salary has increased. Every month we take care of some of our debt.—Our denomination has had a similar experience. Buildings and work begun when money came in easily have necessarily been paid for with borrowed money.—Because this year God has so graciously helped me, even as He has helped countless other southern Baptists, to make payments on my own financial obligations, I want to help in taking care of those of my church".

Mrs. Co-operative Spirit: "It was the plan endorsed by the Southern Baptist Convention and then by my own state. Moreover, one of the biggest efforts of Woman's Missionary Union for 1940 is to double the amount we paid on southwide debts in 1939. Therefore, I willingly cooperate by joining".

Mrs. Loyal Baptist: "Baptist debts are my debts! The good name and credit of our beloved denomination must not be jeopardized!"

Mrs. Thrifty Soul: "I want every dollar I give to Baptist work to accomplish its maximum good. Certainly it is accomplished by every one I give to the 100,000 Club, for 100 cents of each dollar goes to reduce the principal of the indebtedness, at the same time thus reducing the interest".

Mrs. Sound Judgment: "I waited to join the 100,000 Club until its worth as a debt-paying agency had been tried and proven. By December first, 1939, through this Club there had been paid on southwide debts \$1,090,417.46. That has stopped \$60,000 in annual interest. Since it is a workable, practical plan, I now deem it wise to join and help out".

Mrs. Has Plenty: "I have never carried the burden of debts which I could not meet. Certainly if God has so blessed me I should help in my denomination's emergency. One membership isn't enough for me. I will take a multiple membership and pay more than a dollar a month".

Mrs. Limited Means: "At first I thought I couldn't pay a dollar a month. Then I thought of it as a quarter a week. I found I could easily save 25c out of my grocery bill each seven days and thus have the joy of membership in the 100,000 Club".

Mrs. Very Poor: "I have no luxuries and I am even denied some real necessities, but even so when Baptist debts are paid I certainly want to feel I did my part. Three other women, similarly situated, and I take together one membership and thank God for the happy privilege".

Mrs. Bible Scholar: "I read everything the New Testament had to say about 'Giving' and I felt that as a good steward it was my responsibility to help meet the obligations of my church. It is my duty to join".

Mrs. Loving Heart: "Because I love Jesus and His Church, of which my denomination is a part, joyfully I give over and above my regular pledge one dollar a month to the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club. A small love-gift to Him who paid on Calvary our greatest debts!"—Mrs. Gordon Ussery, Ala.

Evangelistic Crusade

GREAT SOUL WINNING OPPORTUNITIES

Dr. W. H. Faust

Secretary Georgia Department of Evangelism

THE members of the W.M.U. of the Southern Baptist Convention this year face their greatest soul winning opportunity. The time is most favorable and propitious to go out in obedience to the command of the Lord Jesus Christ and seek to save the lost and compel them to come to the Lamb of God, who alone is able to take away the sin of the world.

For a long while our noble Christian women have been potential and efficient factors and leaders in training in stewardship and helping in the promotion of our financial and missionary program; and all the while they have not received much credit for it, but they have been titanic factors in soul winning. This is perfectly natural, for in the home, around the family circle, in the schoolrooms, in the social life of our communities and particularly in our church circles they have unparalleled opportunities to win the lost.

Recently some of our denominational leaders have stated that a very careful survey of the churches shows that 39 per cent of the average membership is male and 61 per cent female. This evidences the potent influence of women in every phase of church life and particularly in the realm of evangelism.

The right emphasis laid upon soul winning would revolutionize our church life throughout the world. Evangelism, therefore, is fundamental and stands today challenging our women to open their eyes and look upon the fields that are white unto harvest. Here are some very pragmatic suggestions that have come to us through the officials of the Baptist World Alliance, the Southern Baptist Convention and our various state conventions, concerning how we can best reach and win the lost: enlistment of those won must be largely individualistic; and personal work—bold, faithful, loyal, loving, sacrificial—must be done if we are to reach the largest number for Christ.

The challenging need of the day is a practical, perennial, pentecostal, evangelistic program. There is no question about the W.M.U. being one of our finest organized groups. Around the family fireside, in our local churches and in our social activities the women have an unparalleled opportunity to do practical soul winning work. Because of their ability, consecration and the fact that they have leisure time and are burdened for the redemption of lost humanity, they can help superbly by: 1—getting a survey and census of every community; 2—following this up with a helpful visitation program; 3—enlisting members heretofore indifferent and inactive; 4—conducting study courses in soul winning in their regular meetings and laying special emphasis upon the value of personal work; 5—the distribution of tracts and publicity; 6—the promotion of association-wide soul winning programs; 7—helping to emphasize special days and decisions for Christ on these days; 8—praying for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all Christians that they may become efficient winners of the lost; 9—creating interest in the observance of a southwide day of prayer for the redemption of this section of our great nation; 10—searching out places that are in need of evangelistic efforts; 11—

(Concluded on Page 32)

Mission Study

Southwide Mission Study Chairman, Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, Mo.
"ALWAYS ABOUNDING"—in MISSION STUDY

FEW activities in church life are so full of opportunity for versatility as mission study. Surely Paul must have had something like this in mind when he used these "overflowing" words: "always abounding in the work of the Lord".

Where, save in mission study, is there equally appealing opportunity for the teacher, the speaker, the artist, the musician, the story-teller, the map maker, the poster maker and the writer to use her gifts to the utmost? And, at the same time, the woman with little talent is not left out, for she by quietly studying her book may make her unobtrusive yet important contribution to a discussion or with her hands create a scrapbook or simply widen the horizon of her heart in prayer for a missionary she never knew before.

The results of mission study are equally varied. One woman may be stirred to a new and vitalizing mental activity which gives her a new grip on her home and children and life itself. Another may be moved to give more of her time and energy to service sorely needed in her church and community. A third may see for the first time people in her community who because of language or racial barriers have not heard the Gospel and may take steps to minister to them. Still another may find new joy in prayer while her friend may see for the first time the everlasting investment in Kingdom business and may undergird a whole new mission field with her gifts.

So, both in utilization of talent and ability and in outcome in hearts and lives, mission study is an "abounding" enterprise. There is a key to success in this, a key which is found in one sentence in the Plan of Work in the 1940 W.M.U. Year-book, page 18: "A successful mission study class devotes an average of one hour of study and discussion to each chapter of a book and endeavors to see that every member of the class reads the book".

This secret to success may be summed up in one small word, "time"—time to study, time to teach, time to discuss, time to read. The class itself must have time in its group meeting to listen to the explanations and illustrations of the teacher. The teacher must take time to prepare her own heart and mind to teach and then in her teaching must allow time for discussion. Each student must take time to read the book.

How much time? There is no rule. For the average book, which usually has five chapters, there should be not less than an hour allowed for the teaching and discussion of each chapter. Every mission study text presents a vital phase of missions. In justice to the missionary enterprise, you will not skimp your time. You will surely measure your success not by the clock but by the heart—how full it is, how changed you are, how much more love you have for a lost world about which you now know more and for its Saviour whom you truly love more.

"Not less—but more—in mission study" must be our measure, the "always abounding" rule. This is the only way to success. Let us highly resolve to measure thus to our highest in planning mission study, for this "is the work of the Lord".—Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence

Circle Plans

Mrs. William McMurry, Tennessee

In Teaching "Today in Manchuria"
(See also page 16.)

General Aim: To show that a strong native Christian body is being revealed in Manchuria under the pressure of Japanese domination

Session I. Chapters I, II

Aim: To show how the native Christians reacted to the changes in China before 1931

Methods:

Lecture: The heart of the introduction. Key sentence: "The years that have seen the near-destruction of hope and love have seen the birth of a new faith among the spiritual element in Christendom as the one and only world community".

Special Assignments: (1) The country and the people. Enlarge the map in the book and use as an aid to a better understanding of the land. (2) The effects on the Christian church of the Boxer Uprising, the establishment of the Republic in 1911 and the triumph of the National Party in 1927

Session II. Chapter III

Aim: To help the class understand the background of Japanese occupation of Manchuria. Source Books: *War in China*, price 35c from Foreign Policy Association, New York City. Any general history

Methods:

Work out a conversation dealing with the background of the trouble between China and Japan. The teacher and two or more members discuss the following facts: Perry's visit to Japan, Japan's rise to power, her first act of aggression toward China (taking the Liuchu Islands in 1874), the Sino-Japanese War, 1894, the "Open Door" policy, the Russo-Japanese War and the Manchuria crisis (see Chapter III in text).

Session III. Chapters IV, V

Aim: To lead the class to see the effects of Japanese occupation on the Christian bodies

Methods:

Discussion: (1) The place of organized Christian work in the lives of the Chinese at the beginning of the occupation. (2) The attitude of both the Japanese and Chinese Christians toward destitute Chinese. (3) Three major reasons why the Chinese refuse to accept Japanese domination

Special Assignment: The new order in Manchuria (pages 56-62 mid way). The teacher will find it necessary to give the connecting links between the first two discussion problems. The special assignment should precede discussion 3.

Session IV. Chapters VI, VII, VIII

Aim: To show that a conflict between a totalitarian state and pure Christianity is inevitable

Methods:

Lecture: Make clear that emperor-worship in Japan has become state worship in Manchuria. The conflict between Christianity and such a state is real (pp. 65-68).

Special Assignments: (1) The army's subjugation program (pp. 68 to first paragraph on 74). (2) Dramatic Monologue. The story of the arrests and imprisonments of the Chinese Christians as told by the secretary of the One Cent Society. Cull highlights from pp. 74-90. (3) Present the crisis in Chapter 8: "Should the young Christian bodies compromise with the state on the question of Confucian worship?" Draw the issues clearly.

Session V

Aim: To present the work of southern Baptists in Manchuria.

Methods:

Lecture: Make clear the status of Christian bodies in Manchuria (see Chapter 9, pages 105, 111-116).

Special Assignments: (1) A brief history of southern Baptists in Manchuria. (See 1938 *Minutes of Southern Baptist Convention*, for work in Dairen and Northern Manchuria.) (2) Dairen (see *He Shall Not Fail*, 1939 Foreign Mission Board Report). (3) Opportunities in Northern Manchuria (Foreign Mission Board Report). (4) Our Missionaries—(see *The Commission for list and The Album for sketches*.) (5) The place of the missionary in post-war China

Book REVIEWS

Miss Willie Jean Stewart, Tennessee

TODAY in MANCHURIA: T. Ralph Morton; Friendship Press, New York, 1939; Pages 128; Price 40c

THIS is the most intelligible and moving interpretation of what is going on in the churches of north China under the Japanese occupation we have seen. Writing in a spirit of fairness and understanding, the author—a Presbyterian missionary—sets out with remarkable brevity and clarity the essential conflict between the Chinese and Japanese mind and shows the effect on the Chinese Christians of the totalitarian effort to dominate not only all outward life in the conquered provinces but also the inner citadels of individual minds and spirit. Noting that the church is the only organization in any land which has resisted—"not with the power of the sword but with the power of the spirit of liberty"—the domination of all-powerful states, he takes as his theme the testing of the

faith of the churches and consequently the effectiveness of missionary work.

Sketching vividly the life before and since the occupation, Doctor Morton discusses the persecutions of the Christians and shows how they have deepened the understanding of the Gospel and have laid on those who suffer the responsibility of witnessing with compassion. He sees as an outcome a new sense of unity with all Christians, beyond any form of organic union.

In the final chapter the author gives his concept of the missionary's task now and in the future. Southern Baptists will not agree with all he says, yet they will find him stimulating and challenging. Certainly, those who want really to understand the situation in China should not miss this book. (See also page 15.)

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Calendar of Prayer

June, 1940

Prepared by Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona

It is a good and safe rule to sojourn in every place as if you meant to spend life there, never omitting an opportunity of doing a kindness or speaking a true word or making a friend.—*John Ruskin*

1—SATURDAY

xxDr. and Mrs. W. M. Garrison (*Dorothy Carter*), educational workers, Tokyo, Japan
Give instruction to a wise man and he will be yet wiser.—Prov. 9:9

2—SUNDAY

Misses Elizabeth Rea, Mary D. Willford, Willie Kelly, emeritus missionaries from China
The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers.
—1 Pet. 3:12

3—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Frazier, Coslader, Arizona, Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Fitzgerald, Cherokee, N. C., evangelistic workers among Indians
I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all Thy works.
—Psa. 73:28

4—TUESDAY

Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Moore (*Pauline Willingham*), evangelistic-educational workers, Belgrade, Yugoslavia
Be thou an example to the believers.
—1 Tim. 4:12

5—WEDNESDAY

xxRev. and Mrs. J. W. Lowe (*Margaret Savage*), Rev. and Mrs. J. V. Larson (*Edith Droffs*), evangelistic workers, Taingao, China
The Lord is at hand.—Phil. 4:5

6—THURSDAY

Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Oliver (*Edith Deter*), evangelistic workers, Curitiba, Rev. and Mrs. C. D. Hardy (*Edith Cooper*), evangelistic-medical workers, Manaus, Brazil
If ye seek Him, He will be found of you.
—11 Chron. 15:2

7—FRIDAY

Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Ransome, Richmond, Va., Rev. D. W. Reddick, Forest City, Ark., Rev. C. J. Gresham, Macon, Ga., evangelistic-educational workers to their own Negro race
My Lord, if now I have found favor in Thy sight, pass not away, I pray Thee.
—Gen. 18:3

8—SATURDAY

Annual meeting of Women's Missionary Union, also the southwide W.M.U. committee meetings preceding, Baltimore, Md., June 8-11 (See pages 1, 4-11, 3d.)
Great is the glory of the Lord.
—Psa. 138:5

9—SUNDAY

Mighty manifestation of God's power in the program of Woman's Missionary Union on this Lord's day in Baltimore, Md. (See pages 1, 4-11, 3d.)
For what god is there in Heaven or in earth that can do according to Thy works?
—Deut. 3:24

10—MONDAY

Dr. T. J. Watts, executive secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board, all secretaries and state board members associated with him
The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious.—Eccl. 10:12

11—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. L. R. Brothers (*Leola Smith*), xxMrs. B. L. Lockett (*Elkin Lightfoot*), educational workers, Miss Vivian Nowell, secretarial worker, Ogbomoso, Nigeria
It is good for me to draw near to God.
—Psa. 73:28

12—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. G. O. Foulton, East St. Louis, Rev. Michael Fabian, Granite City, Ill., evangelistic workers among foreigners
God is thy strength and power.
—11 Sam. 22:33

13—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. V. L. David (*Ara Manning*), Cordoba, Rev. and Mrs. T. B. Hawkins (*Lou Coombs*), Rosario, Argentina, evangelistic workers
Increase our faith.—Luke 17:5

14—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. David Espurva (*Anita Palacios*), Wharton, Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Kelley, Abbe, Texas, evangelistic workers among Mexicans
Thou shalt do that which is right and good in the sight of the Lord.—Deut. 6:18

Calendar of Prayer for June

15—SATURDAY

Mrs. W. E. Sallee (Annie Jenkins), evangelistic worker, Kaileng, China
God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.—Psa. 73:26

16—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Michaels, Mrs. G. L. Phelps (Susie Branson), Miss Grace Clifford, emeritus missionaries of the Home Mission Board
Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.—Rom. 4:3

17—MONDAY

*Miss Bertha Hunt, educational worker.
†Miss Alberta Steward, evangelistic-educational worker, Bahia, Brazil
As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.—Jas. 2:26

18—TUESDAY

Misses May Perry, *Elizabeth Truly, evangelistic workers, Abeokuta, Nigeria
He that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.—Rom. 13:8

19—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. F. Palmomeque, Rev. and Mrs. F. Ramirez (Marguerita Parnelli), evangelistic workers, Havana, Cuba
He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.—1 Cor. 10:17

20—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. F. A. R. Morgan (Gertrude Weatherby), evangelistic workers, Misses Mattie Baker, *Eddie Fuller, educational workers, Sao Paulo, Brazil; also Beulah Virginia Morgan, Margaret Fund student
Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above.—Jas. 1:17

21—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. B. DeVille, Montegut, Miss Vena Aguilard, Opelousas, evangelistic workers among French, Miss Gladys Keith, evangelistic worker among foreigners, New Orleans, La.
The path of the just is as a shining light.—Prov. 4:18

22—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Parker (Leak Carter), Baton Rouge, Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Sanchez (Andrea Rendon), Roswell, N. M., evangelistic workers among Spanish-Americans
O Lord God, Thou hast begun to show Thy servant Thy greatness and Thy mighty hand.—Deut. 3:24

23—SUNDAY

Dr. W. H. Clarke, emeritus missionary from Japan
Thou wilt guide me with Thy counsel and afterward receive me to glory.—Psa. 73:24

24—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Jacob (Floyd Wright), educational workers, Mrs. W. H. Sears (Grace Boyd), evangelistic-educational worker, Pinglu, China
Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.—1 Tim. 1:15

25—TUESDAY

Woman's Missionary Union of Hungary
Ye are the light of the world.—Matt. 5:14

26—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Moyer (Esther Bingley), San Antonio, Mrs. Arab Swindle, Pharr, Tex., evangelistic workers among Mexicans
The work of righteousness shall be peace.—Isa. 32:17

27—THURSDAY

God's guidance in preparations for Young Woman's Auxiliary Camp, Ridgecrest, N. C., July 2-12 (See pages 32, 33.)
That our daughters may be as cornerstones, polished after the similitude of a palace.—Psa. 144:12

28—FRIDAY

Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Williams, Jackson, Miss., Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Holley, Live Oak, Fla., evangelistic-educational workers to their own Negro race
Wisdom is better than weapons of war.—Eccl. 9:15

29—SATURDAY

Misses Sophie Lanneau, *Blanche Groves, Mary Lucile Saunders, educational workers, Soochow, China
He that built all things is God.—Heb. 3:4

30—SUNDAY

That the cause of Christian education may be strengthened among southern Baptists
That their children . . . may hear and learn to fear the Lord your God.—Deut. 31:13

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*Attended Southwestern Training School
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†Former Margaret Fund Student
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Bible Study

Ellis Broadus Robertson, Kentucky

"SUPPOSE"—Ps. 77:1-12; Hab. 2:1-3

(Read the Scripture not at the beginning but at the close.)

IT IS NOT A NEW IDEA to fancy how history would have been changed if one crucial moment had taken a different turn—if Columbus had turned back, if Washington had been a Tory, if the United States had gone into the League of Nations. It is perhaps more profitable to study a Bible story or two and watch God making all things work together for good.

Suppose Joseph had not been sold into Egypt? The ugly jealousies in the family would have gone unchecked, and all would have perished when the famine came. Suppose he had been too proud to work as a slave and had yielded to the enticement, which he resisted, or had sulked in prison instead of helping? Or suppose the chief butler had got him out of prison at once and sent him home as he desired? Joseph saw it all clearly when he said: "God sent me before you to preserve life. . . . Ye meant evil against me, but God meant it for good".

Take the Prodigal Son. He didn't know his blessings were just beginning when his money gave out. Suppose it hadn't, and he had never been in want? Or suppose, feeding the pigs, he had joked with himself and said: "It was fine while it lasted", and called that keeping his courage up? And then had said: "I've had enough of this; I'll go home and find some way to get around the old man". (This is what his brother thought he had done.) There are prodigals today who do all these things. But this boy said: "I have sinned against Heaven and before thee and am no more worthy to be called thy son". He never had been "worthy", but now he was fit to appreciate his sin, his home, his father's love. *But suppose there had been nobody at home but the elder brother?*

Think of the missionaries. Suppose Livingstone had given up when it was lonesome trying to heal that "open sore of the world", Africa? Suppose Henrietta Hall Shuck had been a coward, or Ann Hasseltine Judson not "faithful unto death"? "It seems such a pity she had to die, when she was so wonderful!" cried a young girl to her father. "Yes", he answered gravely; "yet I doubt if in the course of a long and laborious life she could have done as much for missions as by her early tragic death". If she and her husband had not acted on their convictions and been baptized; if Judson had not patiently translated the Scriptures for the Burmese; and Rice had not come home to organize American Baptists—well, God would have found other servants, but where would we Baptists be? And so with Carey at Kittering, and Yates and Lottie Moon and the Bryan family. And if the Bagbys had not been bound for Brazil—50,000 in 50 years, you know!

On the other hand, suppose we southern Baptist women for one month should really come up to our opportunities, in living and loving and praying and witnessing and giving—can you see that vision? Now let us read Psalm 77. Dr. J. F. Fraser once preached a beautiful sermon on the sixth verse: "I will remember my song in the night". He stressed the control of memory, and that is what the psalmist had learned too; and the prophet on his watch-tower was learning the patience of hope. (Read Hab. 2:1-3.)

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: Holding Fast in Africa

Then will I teach the world Thy ways;
Sinners shall learn Thy sovereign grace;
I'll lead them to my Savior's blood,
And they shall praise a pardoning God.

O may Thy love inspire my tongue!
Salvation shall be all my song;
And all my powers shall join to bless
The Lord, my strength and righteousness.
—Isaac Watts

"The End of Your Faith"

1st Day—I Pet. 1:3-9; Matt. 25:34-46
2nd Day—Mark 1:1-8; Psa. 1:1-6
3rd Day—Mark 1:9-15; Esek. 33:7-9
4th Day—Mark 1:16-22; Esek. 33:10-16
5th Day—Rom. 5:1-6; II Cor. 5:6-10
6th Day—Matt. 15:21-28; 12:36, 37
7th Day—John 3:14-18; Matt. 25:24-29

"One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism"

8th Day—Eph. 6:4-6; Matt. 11:20-24
9th Day—Heb. 12:1, 2; Rev. 20:11-15
10th Day—I John 3:1-10; Hag. 1:2-12
11th Day—I John 3:11-24; Hag. 2:1-9
12th Day—I John 4:1-10; Ex. 25:1-9
13th Day—I John 5:1-10; I Kings 8:22-28
14th Day—I John 5:11-21; II Chron. 34:8-13

"Have Faith in God"

15th Day—Mark 11:12-22; Psa. 84:1-4
16th Day—Acts 16:16-32; Psa. 122:1-9
17th Day—Gal. 5:5, 6; Mal. 3:7-12
18th Day—II Cor. 4:1-18; Mat. 3:13-18
19th Day—II Cor. 5:7; Matt. 6:19-24
20th Day—Heb. 11:1-10; Acts 5:1-6
21st Day—Heb. 11:11-30; Mark 7:6-13

"Steadfast in Your Faith"

22nd Day—I Pet. 5:6-11; Luke 19:1-10
23rd Day—Luke 18:1-8; Psa. 15:1-5
24th Day—II Chron. 20:20b; Jonah 3:1-4
25th Day—Psa. 4:1-8; 27:13, 14
Jonah 3:5-10
26th Day—Prov. 3:19-26; Jonah 4:10, 11
27th Day—Col. 2:6-10; Luke 11:29-32
28th Day—II Tim. 1:12-14; Acts 11:17-21
29th Day—II Tim. 4:1-8, 18; Psa. 96:1-10
30th Day—I Tim. 1:14, 15; Matt. 28:16-20

"Pray Ye"

Praising God for seen and unseen blessings
Thanking Him for Jesus Christ and for His abiding Comforter.

Pledging more steadfast allegiance to His Kingdom near and far

Interceding for lost sinners in the congregation, the community, the world (See page 14.)

Praying for largest possible good to result from June meetings in Baltimore of Southern Baptist Convention and Woman's Missionary Union (See pages 1, 5-11, 36.)

Asking guidance for all worthwhile W.M.U. activities, such as: mission study classes, personal service, enlistment, stewardship of tithes and offerings, missionary education of young people

Interceding especially for summer camps and assemblies for Baptist adults and young people, praying particularly for Southwide Y.W.A. Camp at Ridgecrest, N. C. July 2-12 (See pages 32-33.)



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Business Women's Circles

Prepared by Miss Frances Copenhaver, W. Va.

Student in Missionary Education Course I

W.M.U. Training School, Louisville, Ky

Invitations—Small maps of Africa on one side of which may be copied the poem, "Give a Thought to Africa" (page 23). On the other side write: "A Continent of Darkness or of Light?" "Come to Business Women's Circle" Place.....Date.....Time.

Poster—Have large map of Africa outlined on white poster sheet, with a cross drawn in red on the Nigerian section. Cover this entire map with a black one cut in sections so it will be possible to remove one-fourth of the part covering Nigeria as each of four topics is given. From the cross in red on Nigeria have rays of light extending to all parts of the continent, four or five long rays being sufficient. Have the black paper pinned over these rays so that they may be revealed as the closing challenge of the program is given. The map at the close will then reveal a white Nigeria in the center of which is a cross which sheds rays of light to all parts of the continent. In between the rays of light the black will remain intact.

Programs—Have individual programs printed on outline maps of Africa showing the order of the program as in the acrostic below.

PROGRAM OUTLINE

TOPIC—"A Continent of Darkness or of Light?"

Hymn—"How Firm a Foundation"

—Watchword—I Cor. 15:58

Bible Study—"Suppose", Psalm 77:1-12; Hab. 2:1-3 (Page 19)

Introduction by Program Chairman—"Consider Africa" (page 23) may be used.

A sketch on a blackboard or poster showing that Africa is large enough to include Europe, China, India and the United States will be helpful in bringing out the comparative size of the continent. Other sketches (copied from Mrs. Taul White) showing: (1) Structure of the religious life of Africa may be simply made in the form of an arch divided into seven sections; beginning at the left name the sections as follows: "Rituals, Witchcraft, Fetish, Tribal Chief, Animism, Ancestor Worship, Kinship" (2) A sketch of eight foundation stones (four on top of four) will show the cultural heritage. The lower four will be "Native Legal System, Loyalty to Chief, Tribal Organization, Respect for Age and Organization"; the top four will be "Native Music, Language, Folk Tales, Relationship System".

A Beginning—Use topic on "Beginnings in Nigeria", stressing chiefly the work of Crowther and Bowen. After giving discussion remove one section of black from Nigeria. (Page 24)

From Then On—Topic on "Persevering in Nigeria". Tell briefly the story of Nannie Bland David, her dying words and how they have been obeyed so far. Remove another section of black from Nigeria. (Page 26)

Realizing Possibilities—Use topic on "Progressing in Nigeria". Emphasize the progress made and the possibilities for the future in healing, educational, evangelistic and W.M.U. work. Remove another section of black from Nigeria. (Pages 27-29)

Individuals Who Help—Tell stories of "A Wee Messenger" and "A Brave Student"; read letter from "A Modern Day Elijah". Remove another section of black from Nigeria. (Pages 29-30)

Challenge—Use Topic "Never Give Up Africa". Remove strips extending from Nigeria over every part of continent, revealing rays of light from the cross. (Page 31)

A prayer for the work and the workers in Africa

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Program Plans

Prepared by Miss Dorothy Gunn, Ga.

Student in Missionary Education Course I
W.M.U. Training School, Louisville, Ky.

Announcement Poster: On a white poster board place a black map of Africa in the upper righthand corner. In the lower lefthand corner, draw a lighted candle with its rays going up toward Africa. Through the rays print "Send the Light". Across the top of the poster print, "Let Us Consider Africa". In the lower righthand corner print the date of meeting, the hour and place.

Program Suggestions: It is suggested that this wealth of material on Africa be given by four people, the purpose of these talks being: to present Nigeria, the land, the people, where southern Baptists have mission work; to introduce us to the first Baptist missionaries to Africa and some who are there today; to impress on us the types of work southern Baptists do in Africa; and to stress the needs today in Africa. It would be well to plan for prayer for Baptist work and workers following the speakers.

In the introduction the program chairman might use the topic, "Consider Africa" (page 23), stressing the immensity of the whole continent, particularly of Nigeria, where southern Baptists work. A simple poster would be helpful showing that seven of our states—North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi—could all be placed in the territory of Nigeria. Tabulate on a poster or blackboard the figures: Total Population in Africa—120,000,000; Languages and Dialects—843; Races—8; Population in Nigeria—20,000,000; Pagans—11,710,000; Mohammedans—8,000,000; Christians—290,000. The person giving this discussion might dress as an African. If a real costume is not available she could use a piece of striped material the size of a sheet, wrapped around her and drawn up under the arms. A turban around the head would add effectiveness.

In presenting the first missionaries to Africa the next speaker would use the two topics, "Beginnings in Nigeria" and "Persevering in Nigeria" (pages 24, 26). Have an outlined map of Nigeria. As the efforts of the Negro missionaries—Samuel Crowther and Lott Carey—are told, place black silhouettes on the map. As the work of the white missionaries—T. J. Bowen, the Davids and Kathleen Manley—is brought out, place white silhouettes on the map. The map itself might be red to emphasize that both white and black missionaries have been and are working toward the same purpose, that of showing the power of the blood of Christ to save Africa.

Using the topic, "Progressing in Nigeria" (page 27), the next person would show the four types of work carried on in Africa by southern Baptists. Place on the map of Nigeria the picture of a school building to represent education, a nurse or a medicine bottle to represent healing, a W.M.U. emblem to portray African W.M.U., a Bible to show the work of evangelism. The last speaker would bring the program to a climax with the pen sketches, "Some Nigerians We Would Like to Know", and the challenge "Never Give Up Africa" (pages 29-31).

From "The Commission" get the names of S.B.C. missionaries in Nigeria today. Give to each person five of these names, one representing each type of work, and ask her to keep these on her prayer list this month. Urge increased gifts to missions through the Cooperative Program that Africa may have more workers and better equipment.

Program Material

Mrs. C. D. Cresman, Tennessee

THEME for YEAR: Steadfast Purpose in a Changing World

TOPIC for MONTH: Holding Fast in Africa ("Don't Give Up Africa")

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—"Suppose"—Psa. 77:1-12; Hab. 2:1-3 (See page 19.)

Prayer that God will give us a vision of what we should do to give the Gospel to Africa

Hymn—Send the Light

—Consider Africa

Beginnings in Nigeria

—Persevering in Nigeria

Prayer thanking God for the heroism of missionaries in Africa

Progressing in Nigeria

Progressing in Education

Progressing in Healing

Progressing in W.M.U.

Progressing in Evangelism

Hymn—The Morning Light Is Breaking

Some Nigerians We Would Like to Know

A Wee Messenger

A Brave Student

A Modern Day Elijah

Never Give Up Africa

—Hymn—The Kingdom Is Coming

Prayer for God's blessings on all southern Baptist work in Africa

CONSIDER AFRICA

"Give a thought to Africa!

'Neath the burning sun,

Hosts of weary hearts are there,

Waiting to be won.

Many idols have they.

But from swamp and clod

Many a voice is crying out

For the living God".

been called "The Dark Continent" and "The Open Sore of the World".

Consider the Country—Africa is a land of hugeness. It is one and one-half times larger than the whole of North America. On the soil of Africa and still not cover this vast continent could be placed Europe, India, China and the United States of America. There are lakes in Africa large enough and deep enough to submerge the whole of the British Isles. Authorities claim that the natural wealth of Africa is equal to that of any other continent. Most of this rich continent is in the hands of European powers.

The part of Africa of special interest to Baptists is Nigeria, a land on the western coast, in territory about the size of North and South Carolina, Georgia

RESPONDING to the appeal of this poem, which was written by one of Africa's own sons, we come today to give a thought to Africa—to consider this, the second largest of earth's continents—that vast land of rivers and lakes, of mountains and deserts, of cities and jungles which because of the color and conditions of the native people has

gia, Florida, Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi. Nigeria gets its name from the Niger, or Black River, which is one of the world's greatest rivers. It is a British Protectorate and is a land of great natural resources. Yoruba Land is the name given to the southeastern corner of Nigeria and it is here that most of our southern Baptist mission work is done.

Consider the People—Africa is the native home of the black race. There are about 120 million people on the continent, divided into eight distinct races and into many tribes, speaking 843 languages and dialects. "The African population in Nigeria is reckoned at about 20 million. There are about five thousand Europeans and other white peoples of various nationalities. The native population is divided into various tribes, differing widely in numbers, dialects, religious beliefs, manners, customs and practices". The greater part of southern Baptist mission work is carried on among the Yorubas but it also touches nine other tribes. The Yorubas are considered one of the most progressive tribes in all West Africa.

Consider the Changes—Africa has changed since the time Livingstone blazed a path across the continent. From being an unknown land of forests and jungles, infested by poisonous reptiles and vicious wild beasts, it is rapidly taking on the marks of civilization.

"The world's commerce is searching the forests, lakes, rivers and jungles, and her hand of genius is changing the inert areas of this vast continent into active fields of industry and trade. The winding footpath is giving place to the modern highway; tedious travel on the brawny shoulders of giant footmen is yielding to the automobile. Five trunk railway lines penetrate the interior. Airplanes fly from the European continent to the heart of the Congo".

Dr. Maddy, writing of progress in Nigeria, says: "Most gratifying progress has been made in the construction and maintenance of highways. A sys-

tem of splendid sand clay roads has been completed, connecting the main towns and cities of Nigeria with the seaport and provincial capital city of Lagos".

Railroads, too, have been built, until now every part of Nigeria is easily accessible to the outside world, either by boat or highway, railway or by water routes. Sanitation, too, has been improved and the health hazard has been greatly diminished.

Consider the Needs—Nowhere in the world can be found a more needy or a more appealing mission field than Nigeria. Eight millions of her people are Mohammedans and most of the other 12 millions are pagans. Both religions are degrading rather than elevating. A thousand superstitions and fears make miserable the lives of the people. Only a small per cent of them can read and write. The common practice of polygamy desecrates the home life. As we consider the needs of these people we feel that we should answer the further appeal of the African poet who says:

"Breathe a prayer for Africa:
'O Thou God of Love,
Send Thy blessings on the tribes
From Thy home above'.
Swarthy lips when moved by grace
Can most sweetly sing;
Pray that Africa's heart may be
Loyal to our King.

"Give your love to Africa:
There our brothers call.
Bring release from slavery.
Break sin's bitter thrall.
White shall love the black man,
Each forget the past;
In the Father's house above
All shall meet at last".

BEGINNINGS in NIGERIA

WE MARK the beginning of southern Baptist work in Nigeria with the going of Thomas J. Bowen as missionary in 1850. However, before him there had been

missionaries in Nigeria and other points in West Africa. Thrilling is the story of Samuel Crowther, a native Yoruba who was sold into slavery, taken by the British from a captured Portuguese slave ship, placed in a mission school of the Church of England, converted to the Christian faith, sent to Europe for further education and then returned to Nigeria as a missionary of the Church Missionary Society of the English Church and who was the first native black bishop in all of Africa. About the same time that Crowther founded his famous Niger Delta Missions a devoted English Wesleyan missionary founded the mission work of his denomination in Nigeria. The work of these two denominations has prospered greatly and is now thoroughly established throughout Nigeria. The beginning of Baptist work in Nigeria includes the names of David George, Lott Carey and Colin Teague, all Negroes born in slavery, who felt the call of God to give the Gospel to their people on the Dark Continent and answering this call went to West Africa as missionaries.

But Thomas Bowen was the first white man regularly appointed by southern Baptists for work in Africa. With him went Mr. Harvey Goodale and a young Negro, Robert F. Hill. Mr. Goodale died of African fever in less than a month after reaching Africa and thus became the first of a long line of southern Baptist martyrs who have laid down their lives that Dark Africa might have the light of the Gospel.

The Foreign Board gave Mr. Bowen wide discretion as to where on the west coast he should attempt to establish a mission. He lived for two years in Abeokuta but did not found a mission there because of the splendid work already being done there by the Church Missionary Society and Wesleyans of England. He felt that he should begin his work where no other work was being done. Finally, in 1852 he established our first mission station in the large city of Ijaiye. For ten years this was our main station but in 1862 this

city was destroyed and a large portion of the population settled in the part of Abeokuta where our First Baptist Church is now located. So this church, being the lineal descendant of the work planted in the city of Ijaiye in 1852, may be considered the mother church of all our Nigerian work.

Late in 1852 Mr. Bowen came home on furlough, married and in August 1853 returned to Africa, accompanied by his bride and three other missionary couples. Two of these missionaries died within a year; the others had to return home because of ill health; so the Bowens were left to carry on alone. In June 1854 Mr. Bowen baptized his first convert and, not long after, two more men and a woman came for baptism. Before the end of the year there was a church with five native members. "Thus began a work of grace that in the years ahead was destined to spread all over Nigeria".

As we continue to peruse the early history of the African mission we find many names—the Reids, Clarks, Priests, Stones and others who went out, served for a while, then either died or had to return on account of ill health. In 1868 the last missionary had to give up and come home. "Thus after eighteen years of heroic effort, amid prayers and tears and unmeasured suffering, the work for the time being was abandoned, leaving southern Baptists for seven desolate years without a missionary representative in the Dark Continent".

Then, in 1874, a new beginning was made when the Foreign Board sent out W. J. David and a colored man, W. W. Colley. As Mr. David made his way back to the mission stations established by other missionaries but now long deserted he found in each place converts who had remained faithful through the years. With these as a nucleus, he began building up the work again, baptizing those who had not been baptized and organizing churches. While on furlough in 1878 he married Nannie Winston Bland of Virginia and then returned to Africa with his bride. After a little more than six years of service, Mrs.

David died. Mr. David married again and continued his work in Africa until 1888. During that time he built the First Church of Lagos, in which today is a tablet dedicated to his memory. He also built the Lagos Academy and organized a school of higher education. So were beginnings made and remade in Nigeria and foundations laid for the great work southern Baptists are conducting there today.

PERSEVERING in NIGERIA

A YOUNG woman lay very ill on a ship going from Nigeria to Madeira. A little more than six years before she had left her comfortable home in Virginia to go with her newly wed husband to the Dark Continent. Those years had been hard ones. Two babies had come to bless the home and had slipped away leaving home and hearts desolate—a little girl buried in African soil and a little boy buried at sea on the return home for a furlough. A month before another baby girl had come “as if to take the place of the little boy cradled in the bosom of the broad Atlantic”. Before the child was a month old the mother had been attacked by pernicious fever of a most malignant type. A voyage to Madeira had been prescribed as the only hope for her life. Even that had failed and so here she lay, her life fast slipping away. As she was dying her thoughts were not of Virginia but of the land to which she had given her life. And one of the last utterances to fall from her lips before she passed away was, “Never give up Africa”.

These words of Nannie Bland David express the spirit of our African Mission. Since the rebeginning of the work under Mr. David there have been a thousand chances to give up—a thousand reasons to abandon the undertaking as something too difficult to continue but always the cry from missionary hearts has been, “Never give up Africa”.

It is hardly necessary to mention the difficulties of the African mission field.

We know how it has been through the years—“The white man's graveyard”. In the early years the climate made it almost impossible for the white man to live there. We read in missionary annals over and over again of missionaries dying a few weeks or months or years after arrival or being compelled to give up and go home, perhaps never to be altogether well again. But always there has been the persevering spirit that would not give up altogether. When one missionary fell another was certain to take his place. When difficulties arose, when dangers threatened, when hardships seemed unendurable, when obstacles became almost insurmountable the cry of Mrs. David re-echoed in the hearts of the missionaries as they determined to “never give up Africa”.

By 1900—fifty years after the beginning—southern Baptists had had a total of 42 white and 6 colored missionaries in Nigeria. Thirteen of these had died in Africa or on the voyage home, while many others had come home broken in health by the cruel and deadly climate of Africa. There were at that time only six churches, six outstations and 385 Baptists in all Nigeria. The results seemed rather meager considering the cost in life and money of those fifty years of work but the ground had been prepared; the Gospel seed had been sown; and with the turn of the century a glorious harvest was ready for the reapers”.

And now for another forty years southern Baptists have continued to persevere in the work in Nigeria. Since the time of Mr. Bowen we have never been without a witness in the Dark Continent. “A never-ending line of redeemed men and women has gone forth from the Baptist churches of the south bearing the Lamp of Life to the millions waiting in the darkness and shadow of death. Disease and death have taken a heavy toll of these Christ-minded torch-bearers but always there have been new recruits to catch the torch from failing hands and to pass it on to others”. These missionaries have built

churches, established schools, healed the sick and have made the light of God's love to shine in thousands of sin-darkened souls.

The spirit of heroism among African missionaries is not a thing of the past. Neither are the difficulties and dangers of the African field altogether conquered. Every missionary who goes to Nigeria goes at great risk to health and life. Only recently four of our missionaries had the yellow fever and as a result two of them rest in African graves. Kathleen Manley, one of the survivors of that dread disease, is in Nigeria today. When she was home on furlough after the yellow fever experience many asked in their hearts: “Will she go back? Can she return to a land that has almost taken her life?” But never was there such a question in her heart, for she was steadfast in her purpose to return to her beloved African people. Only the spirit of Mrs. David could have taken her back. She and all of our other missionaries in Africa are, by their lives of sacrificial service, repeating today those words which have become the slogan of all those who love the work in Nigeria—“Never give up Africa”.

PROGRESSING in NIGERIA

WE thrill over the story of the beginnings of our work in Africa. We rejoice because of the heroism of those who have persevered in this work through the years, in spite of difficulties, dangers and death. And now we come to think of the progress of the work today. The visit of our Foreign Board secretary, Dr. Maddry, in 1938 marked the beginning of a new era for our Nigerian Mission. Not only were he and his party much pleased with the progress of the mission up to that time but plans were made for the enlarging and strengthening of every department of the work.

Progressing in Education

Great Britain has done little for the education of the people in Nigeria;

therefore, the work of mission schools is most important. Southern Baptists have in Nigeria 86 schools. Many of these are small primary schools connected with the churches. The others are schools of higher grades with one theological seminary.

In December 1938 was consummated a plan while Dr. Maddry was there to combine the Teachers' Training College of Ogbomoso with the Industrial Institute at Iwo, calling the new institution the MacLean Training College and Industrial Institute, to honor Dr. and Mrs. E. G. MacLean, the veteran missionaries who established and have long been in charge of the Industrial Institute. Buildings have been erected to take care of the enlarged school.

At Shaki is a unique school, the “Domestic Training School” known as the “Housewives' School”. It is thus named because it “trains the girls and women not only in the way of witnessing for Christ but also in the practical rudiments of home making”.

The Girls' School at Abeokuta is doing a wonderful work in preparing African girls to become not only Christian leaders in the churches but also Christian wives and mothers, establishing and maintaining real Christian homes. A story is told that recently a government official visited Iwo, where is located the Industrial Institute. “Dr. MacLean showed him the splendidly equipped workshop where some of the finest woodwork in Nigeria is done. Then he showed him the large and excellent day school, supervised by Mrs. MacLean. Last of all he took him to the little Christian village made up of our workers and their families. They knocked at a certain cottage door and were met by a neatly dressed young woman with a very attractive baby on her back. She welcomed them cordially and seated them in a scrupulously clean room, furnished inexpensively yet very attractively and then she proceeded to converse with her guests with ease and refinement”. When the government official gave an account of this trip it

was not of the workshop of the school that he talked but it was his glimpse into an attractive African Christian home. The mother in that home is the product of our Baptist Girls' School in Abeokuta. We are glad to know that many others are being prepared to build homes like that, for such homes will make a new Nigeria.

Ogbomoso has become the permanent home of the seminary. A recent letter from Miss Ruth Walden tells of attending the commencement exercises of the seminary on December 15. "A beautiful impressive service was held in the chapel for the eleven graduates and their friends. These new laborers of the Lord are from some of the neediest fields in Nigeria and they have gone back to their respective tribes to witness for Him among their own people". Miss Walden goes on to tell that she and two other missionaries went with one of these preachers to visit his church the week after the commencement exercises. This preacher had served this church seven years before they sent him to the seminary for further training. Miss Walden writes: "There is no doubt they love their leader and pastor. They attend services in large numbers, the spacious church being crowded at all services. At one service—which the women, girls and small children attended—there must have been more than five hundred. Our hearts were made glad and we praise the Lord for the little part we as a Mission had in training this devout man of God in that neglected area".

Progressing in Healing

The Nigerians, like all ignorant and superstitious people, are cursed with many diseases. Through our work of healing we are not only bringing ease to suffering bodies but are bringing many sin-sick souls to feel the healing touch of the Great Physician. We have only one hospital in Nigeria at Ogbomoso, but other medical work is done through three dispensaries and two centers where lepers are treated. Helpful

features of the medical work in Ogbomoso are the baby clinic and the infant and child welfare center. "Babies by the hundred have been weighed, examined physically, their ailments treated and their mothers advised as to their better care. The medical staff has stressed the elimination of the prevalent use of native medicine, usually so harmful to the babies, and in its place the regular administration to the babies of quinine and cod liver oil. The older babies receive a picture card; the mothers hear the Gospel message".

There is also connected with the hospital at Ogbomoso a most interesting work of taking care of motherless babies. The Nigerians have no knowledge of artificial feeding; so, when a mother dies in childbirth, the baby is usually buried with her or just thrown away. Many of these babies have been rescued and cared for in an annex to the hospital providing a place for this work.

Near Ogbomoso is the leper colony, founded by Dr. Lockett. There lepers are given homes, treated, often cured and, best of all, are won to Christ. There is a school in the colony offering to all the lepers educational advantages. Some students of this school, after being cured of leprosy, have gone to higher schools to become honor students. In the school, leper nurses are being trained to help with the treatment of other lepers. The colony has existed long enough to prove its efficiency and worth by its results. Over a thousand lepers have been in the colony and many of them have been cured. There are cured lepers in hospitals, government offices, schools and in almost any walk of life that could be mentioned. An early patient, now free from leprosy, is "Head Master" of the colony. Many who become Christians in the colony are now leaders in their churches. One is helping to build a small church in a heathen village. The pastor of another one says that he is a reliable Christian, working faithfully in "the vineyard of the Lord".

Progressing in W.M.U.

No department of Nigerian work is progressing more rapidly than the Woman's Missionary Union. Last year was the twentieth anniversary of the organization of the Nigerian W.M.U. Very gratifying was the story of progress told on that occasion. Miss Neale Young is the W.M.U. secretary and, with a car and trailer given to her by W.M.U. groups in this country, she travels all over the territory, visiting societies, organizing new ones, teaching classes etc. She and her helpers have pioneered in health work for women and children, in the feeding and care of babies, in matters of dress and home making and "in every worthy and helpful thing that makes for the moral and spiritual uplift of our sisters in Dark Africa". Every year, in connection with the W.M.U. convention, is a baby show, conducted on behalf of better Nigerian babies.

Dr. Maddy writes of W.M.U. work as follows: "Women are being taught to read the Word of God and to follow its teachings in the home, in the market place and in the church. The principle of stewardship and tithing has found wide acceptance in the churches of Nigeria and it had its beginning in the teaching and practice of the Woman's Missionary Society. The result is seen in the fact that we have a larger proportion of self-supporting churches in Nigeria than on any other mission field.

"But best of all, through the ministry of Woman's Missionary Union in all of our churches throughout Nigeria, the age-old and degrading position of women is being completely revolutionized. The veil of pagan darkness and heathen superstition has been drawn aside and an ever-enlarging host of Nigerian women have caught a glimpse of the sunlight and freedom of the Gospel of Christ, and they are on the way up and out of the abysmal darkness of the centuries".

Progressing in Evangelism

We can rejoice because of the evangelistic spirit among the Baptists of Nigeria. We have in Nigeria 211 churches and 135 outstations, with a total membership of over 21,000. Every year sees new members won to Christ and baptized in these churches. A hindrance to the work of soul winning is seen in the inconsistent life of many Nigerian Baptists. Some of them still indulge in strong drink and it has been found difficult for Christians to break away from the age-old custom of polygamy. But there is a movement in the convention to purify the membership of the churches which the leaders feel sure will increase their spirituality and their evangelistic power.

An interesting and fruitful work of evangelism is that of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Carson. Traveling in their launch and car, they "have gone hundreds of miles hither and thither in the Niger Delta, waterways and new paths. A rich harvest has been theirs and a plea for more missionaries has been repeated over and over. The potentialities of this rich field far exceed the possible responses of two lone missionaries".

Truly our work has progressed through the years and is progressing today. The prospects have never before been so bright for giving the light of the Gospel to dark Africa. Dr. Maddy says: "If the Baptist churches of the south will give us the money and God will give us the men and women needed for the task the next decade will see the Gospel splendor of noonday flooding the hills and valleys of Yoruba Land, and millions that no man can number will come into the glorious light of the Savior's face".

SOME NIGERIANS WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW A Wee Messenger

All of us would like to know little Gordon, one of the motherless babies in the hospital at Ogbomoso, about whom Miss Manley tells. Some fathers of the motherless babies do not care any-

thing about them. One father, when the missionary asked him for his baby at the time of the mother's death, said: "Take him if you want to. I don't want him. If you don't take him I will throw him away". But Gordon's father was different. He really wanted his baby, so gave him to the missionaries to care for him only until he was old enough to live in his own home without a mother. For four and a half years Gordon lived with the missionaries who loved and cared for him and taught him Christian songs and Scripture verses. Then came his father to take him home. The missionaries could not bear to see him go, for his father is a Mohammedan. They said, "Oh please let us keep him another year!" To this the father agreed and so the missionaries had another year's time in which to teach Gordon more about Jesus. That year has passed now and, though we have not heard for sure, the chances are that little Gordon is in his Mohammedan home by now. What a wee messenger of the Gospel in the midst of Mohammedanism! We hope that he knows enough about Jesus to give his little heart to Him and to win his Mohammedan father to the Christian faith.

A Brave Student

All of us would like to know a student in the Baptist College about whom Mrs. Carson writes. The parents of this student, without his consent, selected a wife for him. The girl chosen was untrained and uneducated and she and her people belonged to the "African" church, which is a split from all other churches because the men members want to be polygamists, having as many wives as they wish. The student described his trying situation to Mrs. Carson as follows: "They offered to refund my school fees to any person, who might have lent me, and also to buy me a suit as a Christmas present, provided I now change my mind. They promise now to help me as much as possible, paying my passage home, giving me pocket money; and even suggest

that I should marry the girl to please them; and then add another girl of my own choice. They concluded that, if I still objected, they would disinherit me from all the family privileges. To entice me more, the girl sent her photo which is taken in her best apparel. I posted back the photo, thanking her and telling her briefly not to dream of ever marrying me. My victory is certain as long as I give them a wide berth. I will not abuse my calling just to please my parents".

A Modern Day Elijah

We would like to know one of the Buguma church elders whom Mrs. Carson calls a Modern Day Elijah. We will tell this story in the words of the man himself, as he wrote it to Mrs. Carson in his broken but picturesque English.

"The news suddenly appeared to me that there is a society named Christian. On those days, nothing knowing about God's Word I bravely held a prayer in a little hut without made knowing to the people of the town. Some of my acquaintances harkened to me and joins this secret deeds of mine. Then some wicked men spied and brought news to the elders, saying that there is a man named Cashmoney who is enticing all his mates to forsake juju and joins him in worshipping God. (A juju, to an African, is more than an idol. It is a charm, possessing power to bring sickness or even death.) The elders and all the people angrily surrounded me. In charge of spoiling their juju. The case was tried in native court and through the mercy of God I got the favor. Again carried by the same case in the night going to the higher court, and being greatly beaten by heavy storm. Upon all these points the Almighty God is with me, fighting the battle. When seen that I conquered them, they all turned and joined with me in worshipping God. After my baptism my father separated me from himself and not to touch any of his properties. I agreed. I destroyed many

jujus in town, burned them with fire and ate all the forbidding things which their juju told them not to taste. I was not hurt. Seeing these things, the heathen people gave me a plot of land to build my church where all the juju lived. I prayed to God and built upon. When the people saw how great was the power of God towards His people, they all said: 'His God is the living God indeed'. The heathen gave me a better land to build another fine church. Through power of God I started the work. The juju owners are better Christians today in my church and were frankly urging me to do more heavy work in God".

NEVER GIVE UP AFRICA

One day Miss Lena Lair, one of our missionaries, was walking through the market of Ogbomosho inviting people to attend the church services and came to a woman sitting under an arbor, offering her wares for sale. When she stopped to speak to her the African woman took off a string of white beads and laid them on the ground beside her. Miss Lair had a pleasant conversation with her, invited her to the church services, then walked away. As she looked back she saw the woman pick up the beads and put them around her neck as before. She wondered what it all meant. One who was with her explained that the

African woman used the beads in her worship and had taken them off in the presence of the missionary in recognition of her God being greater than the African god.

Yes, our God is far greater than any god known to the poor Africans. He is the God they need and we must never give up Africa until the light of His love is shining in all the dark places of the Dark Continent.

A dying missionary's word
Across the decades still is heard,
Whereby our languid hearts are stirred—
"Never give up Africa!"

Though fifty years and more have gone
And on the darkness breaks the dawn,
Still must the work of Light go on—
"Never give up Africa!"

Though difficulties 'round us press,
And dangers and dire griefs distress,
And fears and doubts our souls possess—
"Never give up Africa!"

And though a thousand strong and brave
Shall fall to fill a martyr's grave
This heathen land for Christ to save—
"Never give up Africa!"

When Jesus said that we should go
To every land of sin and woe,
He meant Dark Africa we know—
"Never give up Africa!"

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Tell something of Nigeria—the country and people.
2. Tell of Nigeria's need of Christ.
3. Tell of the beginnings of southern Baptist work in Nigeria.
4. Who was the first regular southern Baptist missionary in Nigeria?
5. Discuss the difficulties of Nigeria as a mission field.
6. Tell something of the heroism of missionaries in Africa.
7. Tell something of educational work in Nigeria.
8. Why is educational work needed in Nigeria?
9. Tell something of our medical work in Nigeria.
10. How many churches have we in Nigeria?
11. Tell something of evangelistic work in Nigeria.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

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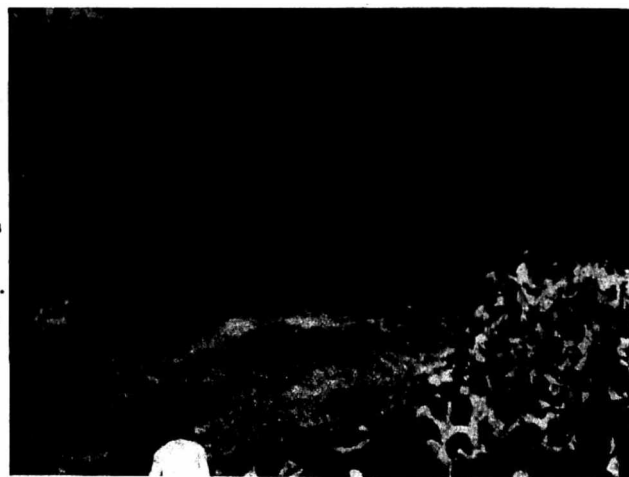
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a goal of one baptism for every ten church members; 12—through growth in grace and knowledge, by enlisting all W.M.U. members in daily Bible reading and prayer for redemption of the world.

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The cost? Everyone pays \$2 (\$1 for Y.W.A. Camp enrolment, \$1 for Ridgecrest management registration) plus room and board in hotel (\$2 a day, a few spaces at \$1.75 and \$1.50).

The theme? Being Christian in Dream and Deed

Write to your state W.M.U. young people's secretary about travel plans from your state and to make reservation.

Young Women's Auxiliary

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

In the PRESENCE of the BEST

HENRY CHURCHILL KING says, "The great secret of living is the persistent staying in the presence of the best". Every Woman's Missionary Society's interest in the life of its young women will be eager to help them stay "in the presence of the best". To that end we have at Ridgecrest, N. C.—July 2 to 12, 1940—our southwide Y.W.A. Camp. In the midst of most inspiring scenery, which breathes of the power of the Creator and lifts one's heart in adoration, the best of southern Baptist young womanhood gathers with the best of leaders and speakers. If one lives in the presence of the best for ten days, one is more ready to go on living for the best: so we invite the best young women of your Y.W.A. to Y.W.A. Camp. No finer Y.W.A. fostering can be done than to send or help send young women to Y.W.A. Camp. A Woman's Missionary Society's investment in camps and conferences should naturally be made in those which most promote missions and missionary organizations.

Among the best leaders and speakers who will be at Y.W.A. Camp this summer will be Dr. Mary E. Woolley, formerly president of Mt. Holyoke College, voted one of America's twelve greatest contemporary women. She comes to speak on peace; every young woman will cherish long the memory of her personality as well as the impress of her message. Mr. Charles A. Wells will be with us at Y.W.A. Camp, a journalist who saw in his world travels the desperate need for more work such as missionaries were doing; he now devotes much time to Christian conferences in churches and summer assemblies. We are fortunate to have the honor of having introduced Mr. Wells to southern Baptist audiences first at Y.W.A. Camp and to have him come for the third time this summer.

We believe that Miss Flora Strout, who has spent 32 years in other lands in the service of the W.C.T.U., will be one of the best people for our young women to hear and know for she will tell them what valiant efforts young women are making elsewhere to throw off the bondage of intoxicating liquor. Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon of our Southern Baptist Theological Seminary will bring us the Bible hour message each day at Y.W.A. Camp. Out of his wide travels, his extensive study, his deep spiritual reserves he will prove a very real blessing to all at Y.W.A. Camp.

This year we bring another new personality, Miss Lenore Anthony, outstanding in speech and radio drama circles, who will direct in choral speech and missionary dramatics as well as give daily helps in correct public speech. Our favorites will be back again, the choice ones of W.M.U. whom the girls always love and in whose presence all are blessed—Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, Miss Kathleen Mallory, Mrs. W. J. Cox, Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, Miss Mary Christian, Mrs. R. K. Redwine, Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, Mrs. George McWilliams.

No one could successfully challenge the statement that our denominational secretaries rank among the best so we rejoice that they will all be with us, including Dr. J. E. Dillard, director of S.B.C. promotion. And our missionaries! Dr. and Mrs. M. T. Rankin and Miss Elizabeth Hale from China, Dr. and Mrs. Maxfield Garrett from Japan, Mrs. Aaron Hancock of Oklahoma Indian work, Miss Wilma Bury from the Home Mission Board, Miss Eunice Fenderson from Palestine.

With all these our selected camp theme is "Being Christian in Dream and Deed". Do you not foresee that this will be the best of all the wonderful ten-day periods our Y.W.A.s have enjoyed? Be sure someone or several from your Y.W.A. comes to Y.W.A. Camp, July 2 to 12, 1940. Write to your state W.M.U. young people's secretary for information about expenses, travel plans and for reservations. (See also page 32.)

Training School

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

PERSONAL SERVICE of the Y.W.A.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, My brethren, ye have done it unto Me". The Personal Service Committee of our Y.W.A. has tried to make this verse the motto of our work this year, and we have found that we have been greatly blessed even as we have tried to serve others in our efforts.

The largest task which we have undertaken is one which has been carried on in the past by the students. Three afternoons a week we send several girls to the city hospital where they cooperate with women from the Louisville Council of Churches in distributing "Sunshine Bags" to the new patients in the wards. Often there is opportunity to speak a word to some patient about her soul as well as to leave a bit of cheer.

In addition, we have had the added joy of working with the nurses at the same hospital. It started as a personal service project entirely, but now it has been made permanent field work for one girl; Y.W.A. sends a helper for her each time she goes. The plan is to provide some form of recreation for the nurses and also to direct a Grace McBride Y.W.A.

Each month the various circles of the Y.W.A. have alternated in sending some one to the King's Daughters' Home for Incurables to teach the Sunday school lesson. During the latter part of the session the entire Sunday school there has been conducted by Training School girls, some of it as regular field work and some as personal service.

Another new opportunity this year has been the work at the Red Cross (Negro) Hospital, where a girl goes each Sunday afternoon to entertain the children in the ward. She tells Bible stories and has handwork for them to do.

All of these were regular assignments but there have been several other occasions when we have had opportunities to serve in special ways. Once a group went to an old people's home to give a program on Sunday afternoon; and again we sent a trio to sing at the Municipal College (Negro) at their Sunday afternoon vesper service.

During the bitter winter weather, we realized that there were many people on our fields and in the community who did not have sufficient clothes, so we had a "clean up" campaign in our building and collected articles of clothing which we were not using. Over 150 pieces were gathered together and distributed to various churches and community centers, including East Baptist Church, Rose Hudson Community Center, Baptist Fellowship Center, Boyce Settlement House and the Baptist Orphans' Home.

Our aim has been to have every member of our Y.W.A. participate in some form of personal service during the present session. There has been a beautiful spirit of cooperation and a real desire on the part of every girl to heed our Master's injunction to "do unto others" and we have indeed found joy in it.—*Helen Falls, Va.*

Training School Alumnae Association Breakfast at Stafford Hotel, Thursday morning, June 13th, at eight o'clock in Baltimore. Only members of the Alumnae Association or those officially invited are eligible to attend. The price per plate will be 50c.

Current Missionary Events

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

According to the annual statistics compiled by the Baptist World Alliance headquarters in London there were at the beginning of the present calendar year 118,330 Baptist church members in Africa and an enrolment in the Sunday schools of 46,450, which is an increase over 1938 of 7,567 church members and 4,631 Sunday school pupils.

Two American Baptist women missionaries, one of whom served 35 years and the other 47 years in the Belgian Congo, were notified shortly after New Year's Day by the Belgian ambassador to the United States that the king of Belgium in recognition of long and meritorious service in the field of missionary work had conferred high honors on them. One was awarded the decoration of *Chevalier de l'Ordre de la Couronne* and the other the decoration of *Chevalier de l'Ordre de Leopold II*. Both are now retired and are widows.

One more link with the pioneer period in protestant missions in Africa was severed when the Rev. Malcolm Moffatt died recently at Kalua, Northern Rhodesia. Mr. Moffatt was the grandson of Robert Moffatt, who founded missionary work in Bechuanaland. Robert Moffatt's daughter, Mary, was the wife of David Livingstone. Malcolm Moffatt's station was very near where Livingstone died.

The David Livingstone Chapter of Royal Ambassadors of the Baptist church at Windsor, Vermont, has a mimeographed publication called *Gospel Tribune* and would like to exchange with other chapters which may have publications.—*Watchman-Examiner*

It is reported that as a result of the Centennial Preaching Campaign in the Cameroun the already overworked missionary force in that part of Africa is being taxed to the limit by the problems of the 26,000 and more converts who were gathered in during the campaign. Plans have had to be developed to instruct this vast group in the meaning of Christianity and to keep them from slipping back into heathenism. The central part of these plans, around which everything else revolves, is a "Five Year Program of Bible Study".

The visitor or new missionary to Uganda is impressed to find almost in the heart of the "Dark Continent" a church which has a sense of responsibility and vigorous life. While it lacks the long tradition that lies behind western churches, it possesses real Christian life and experience; new missionaries learn as much as they teach. The church in Uganda is a literate church in which the large majority of grown-ups can read the Bible for themselves. When service begins, Bibles are opened and, unless the preacher in the course of his sermon calls out a number of texts and gives his hearers time to find them all, he is very unpopular indeed.—*C. M. S. Outlook*

The need of economy and reduction of expenditure in all missions because of the present war are throwing more responsibility on the African Church in Tanganyika which has yet to learn the joy and privilege of self-support.—*World Dominion*

At the annual meeting of the Foreign Mission Board on April 10 in Richmond, 26 new missionaries—15 women and 11 men—were appointed to mission work under the Board in six different countries. These newly appointed missionaries come from 10 states and the District of Columbia as follows: Alabama 7, Arkansas 3, District of Columbia 1, Florida 2, Louisiana 1, Mississippi 2, Missouri 2, Oklahoma 3, South Carolina 1, Tennessee 1, Texas 3. The largest number, 12, will go to China and the next largest number, 7, will serve in our southern Baptist Mission in Nigeria on the west coast of Africa.



Convention Hall, BALTIMORE, MD.

HERE Woman's Missionary Union will open its fifty-second annual meeting on Sunday, June 9, commencing at 3 P. M. That session and the one on Sunday night will feature foreign and home missions. Assuredly also will missions be the chief theme of the three sessions on Monday and the three on Tuesday—morning, afternoon and evening of June 10-11. It is earnestly desired and eagerly hoped that all W.M.U. delegates and a host of visitors will be present at the opening session on Sunday afternoon and at each of the seven other sessions.

This record attendance will be all the more certain if plans are immediately made to attend the 11 o'clock service at Eutaw Place Baptist Church that Sunday morning, June 9: Dr. Leslie B. Moss of New York will preach the missionary sermon. Among the many cherished associations with Eutaw Place Baptist Church is the fact that Miss Annie Armstrong held her long and marvelously useful membership there. Mrs. W. J. Cox and Mr. Chas. A. Wells will speak at the 3 o'clock W.M.U. annual meeting afternoon session in Convention Hall. (See pages 1, 4-11.)