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Editorial

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

PRAISE

THE reports of Woman's Missionary Union for the year 1940 have been anticipated with more than usual interest. Though the plans for the Golden Jubilee were made with wise foresight that they might contribute to continued steady growth there is always the fear that any spectacular anniversary effort may be followed by a slump, that intense effort in a given year will result in diminished effort in the succeeding year. The last named meeting in Oklahoma City was characterized as triumphant. Every goal of the Jubilee Year had been exceeded. Gains in numbers of organizations, members and gifts, objectives surpassed in mission study, personal service and stewardship were gratifying evidence that W.M.U. under the blessing of God had succeeded in deepening interest and participation in all phases of missionary development. Attendant blessings were felt to the end of the earth as the fruits of this victorious effort were used to bless the world. Would this missionary enlistment and missionary expression bear further fruit in the year immediately following the Year of Jubilee? Report alone could answer that question.

Reports have now been tabulated. They call for praise—praise to God, who answers prayer and who gives strength for laboring together, and praise to every worker, every woman and young person who, faithful to responsibility and eager in missionary promotion, made the record possible. Total gains are reported: in number of organizations, a gain of more than 1100; in membership, a gain of more than 32,000; in number of W.M.S. tithees, a gain of almost 2000; in number of churches having W.M.U. organizations, a gain of more than 200; in organizations reporting as A-1, a gain of 465; in mission study classes, a gain of almost 2700; in churches in which every resident woman member gave to missions, a gain of 164. Gratifying gains in number of organizations observing the seasons of prayer with an appreciable increase in the attendant offerings make up a heartening record. Rejoice in it and in the firm foundations of the Golden Jubilee on which W.M.U. can safely build her second half century of stimulating the missionary spirit and the grace of giving among the women and young people of southern Baptist churches, of aiding in collecting funds for missionary purposes to be disbursed by the Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention. (See statistics on page 36.)

PROGRESS

BECAUSE this has been the changeless purpose of W.M.U. throughout the years, because its efforts have been so blessed and its work has been so abundantly fruitful for the Kingdom, this missionary purpose continues to be the key to progress. The records of 1940 are now half written. The summer months however offer rich opportunities for enlistment and more especially for the training of young people. The growth and popularity of camps make of them a great asset for the missionary development of young people. W.M.S. members have a double responsibility to help make their associational and district camps most helpful and to make attendance upon them possible for G.A. and R.A. members. Often such an opportunity for a girl or boy has served to direct the currents of thought and life purpose. State camps offer larger opportunities while the Ridgecrest Y.W.A. Camp, where annually more than a thousand young women gather for rare inspiration and world-wide fellowship, is a worthy investment of effort and money that one of your own young women may share its ten days of relaxation and spiritual enrichment. (See pages 1, 32, 36.)

Vacation contacts may serve to quicken missionary interest in some other heart and thus serve to kindle the zeal for missions that will result in new organizations and more zealous enlistment efforts. Such activity will make further progress possible.

The growth indicated by the W.M.U. records of 1939 is a real asset for further enlistment efforts. The record is a stimulus for further united work. "We are laborers together"; therefore, "be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord!"

Evangelistic Crusade

EXCELLENT SOUL WINNING STANDARD

Roland Q. Leavell

Supt. of Evangelism, Home Mission Board

SOUL WINNING is in the air! Now, every Christian should do some soul searching—to see if he or she measures up to any worthy standard as a soul winner. Read the following ten-point standard and grade yourself, counting 10% for each point.

I. Soul Mindedness—Do I really want to win others to Christ? Am I willing to try? Do my thoughts seriously turn toward lost souls? Do I sincerely sorrow over the sin sick? Is my heart burdened for any individual lost soul?

II. Devotional Life—Am I praying daily for souls and for some soul? Am I studying my Bible daily in order to become a better soul winner? Do I keep a prayer list?

III. Home Environment—Do I maintain family worship daily? Is the atmosphere of my home spiritual? Is it normal for children in my home to become Christians early? Has my pastor formally dedicated my home to God? Are there any good evangelistic books in my home? Is my home open for prayer meetings? Have I ever invited my pastor and some lost friend to dinner? Are alcoholic drinks, dancing or gambling ever allowed in my home?

IV. Church Loyalty—Do I faithfully attend Sunday night worship and prayer meeting? Does my presence add spiritual atmosphere at preaching services? Do I pray daily for my pastor? Do I invite unsaved friends to church or introduce them to my pastor? Do I give faithfully to missions?

V. Preparation—Do I read a book on soul winning every year? Can I explain the Bible plan of salvation to others? Do I understand repentance and faith? Can I use my New Testament to lead another to Christ?

VI. Equipment—Do I keep a prayer list? Do I always carry a pocket Testament and Gospel tracts for use in soul winning?

VII. Personal Witnessing—Do I habitually speak to others about Christ, such as: the grocer, paper boy, coal man, nurse, filling station operator, agent, beggar, taxi driver and friend? Do I belong to the pastor's soul winning group? Do I ever write letters to lost people? Do I distribute Bibles and Gospel tracts in homes, hotels, railroad and bus stations, tourist camps etc.?

VIII. Visitation Evangelism—Do I visit regularly in my church program, with the Sunday school, W.M.S., Brotherhood or B.T.U. groups? Do I visit the sick or newcomers for soul winning purposes? Do I help take the religious census? Can my pastor depend upon me for visitation soul winning?

IX. Leadership—In my church life do I assume any responsibility such as: teaching a class or teaching a book on soul winning, or leading any church group? Do I help to conduct services in hospitals, on the streets, in institutions, in mission Sunday schools, over radio, in youth revivals, among Negroes or foreigners or in Vacation Bible Schools?

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For a Debtless Denomination

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

STIRRING APPEAL of a DEFINITE GOAL

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

ONE secret of the success of Woman's Missionary Union through all the years of its history lies in the setting of goals. Definite objectives for gains in organization, members and gifts to missions have served to stimulate effort while the joy of victorious attainment has been an incentive to establish and to reach yet higher goals.

The slogan—"A Debtless Denomination by 1945"—originated by Dr. J. E. Dillard, Director of Promotion of the Southern Baptist Convention, has the stirring appeal of a definite goal, high and worthy of attainment. In it W.M.U. Auxiliary to the S.B.C., finds a slogan on which it can be completely united. April *Royal Service* on its editorial page (4) and its stewardship page (7) carried the story of the fervor with which this slogan was adopted by the Executive Committee and state W.M.U. executive secretaries in their meeting; and the articles explained the methods by which W.M.U. proposed to do its share in attaining this denominational goal by 1945, the centennial year of the S.B.C.

"Procrastination is the thief of time" is an old proverb which finds modern application in this united effort for a debtless denomination by 1945. Remembering that a high goal has been set for this year 1940 no W.M.U. organization can afford to procrastinate in its own plans to participate. If your state plan is Hundred Thousand Club membership, then you should lose no time in doubling your memberships through securing individual and group memberships. If your present payments are not adequately representative, then you should do more and thus help in attainment of the total goal for your state and the Union. If your state plan is some other method of helping pay S.B.C. debts, you will loyally and enthusiastically work that plan. But above all do not let time steal the results which 1940 must bring to this effort. Results rest ultimately with organizations and the individuals whom they enlist.

Enlist the young people. Family problems are met courageously when each member is taken into full confidence and shares in the plans and effort to meet them. By 1945 very many of them will have reached maturity. They will rejoice to realize their own part in the victory of a debtless denomination by 1945. They will be the more zealous for missions because they have helped to free the mission boards of the shackles of hindering debts. Urge counselors to explain to their organizations the situation and the hopes and plans for this project and to encourage auxiliary members to save the dimes, so often wasted for useless sweets and questionable pleasures, that they may join in groups to share the family burden, that they may partake of the joy which will come when that burden is lifted. Undoubtedly it is the clear duty of W.M.U. to teach and train its young people to know and respect God's law of *tithes and offerings*. To fail in this fundamental expression of love for the Lord and obedience to His commission is to mortgage the future of missions. Participation by the young people in this big effort for a debt-

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Personal Service

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

The WORK GOES FORWARD

EXCERPTS from letters received from state personal service chairmen show that the work is being done. They also show that emphasis is being placed upon evangelism.

New Mexico: We are helping with the transportation of Spanish women to and from Prenatal Clinic, hoping to win them to Christ. We do see results. We have a Spanish Mission Sunday School sponsored by a local W.M.S.

Illinois: A College Y.W.A. has been cooperating with the Brotherhood in holding street meetings, reaching a class of people that never go to church. They are also holding services at the penitentiary where twenty-two conversions were reported.

Kentucky: Several of the larger churches engaged in Loyalty to Christ's Church Campaigns. The women were actively engaged in this work.

Tennessee: The women are giving copies of the Jewish New Testament to their Jewish friends. These Testaments show the prophecies and their fulfillment. The three Good Will Centers of this state are always beehives of activity.

Arizona: Efforts to renew family altars and to lead loved ones in their own homes to the Lord are being stressed.

Mississippi: Due to emphasis upon soul winning in a denominational college town, a revival spirit is being felt on the campus and in the church. Many members of the local Y.W.A. have found themselves in seeking to win others to Christ.

Louisiana: Stressing spiritual activities, love for the stranger, shut-ins, hungry and cold, it is being remembered that always their greatest need is the Bread of Life.

Missouri: After revivals some organizations are assuming the responsibility of giving doctrinal tracts to new converts and securing their promise to read them.

We know that we should—and we see that we can—put evangelism into all of our personal service activities. (See also page 5.)—Mrs. Eureka Whiteker

EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE (Concluded from Page 5)

X. High Standards—Do I have a standard of a minimum number whom I will try to win to Christ each year? Do I try to speak about salvation to at least one person each day or one person each week?

For a DEBTLESS DENOMINATION (Concluded from Page 6)
less denomination by 1945 will stimulate conscientious, regular giving. Tell your young people and encourage their sharing in this effort.

Reports of the 52nd Annual Meeting of Woman's Missionary Union will reveal the large emphasis given the purposes and plans for this project. Mrs. Carter Wright, Southwide Stewardship Chairman, has had added to her title the significant words—"W.M.U. Promoter for a Debtless Denomination by 1945". Her dramatic fervor for the cause represents the spirit of W.M.U. in its resolution to share in this great spiritual effort of southern Baptists. It will continue to be one of the major emphasis through the years until under the blessing of the God of missions we shall join in the songs of praises when the aim has been achieved and we have in 1945 a debtless denomination.

CHURCHES HAVING A-1 FULL GRADED W.M.U.

DEPEEST appreciation is herewith expressed to the pastors, W.M.S. presidents, counselors and directors of W.M.U. young people as well as to every member of each organization that during the calendar year of 1939 made possible the maintenance of an A-1 Full Graded Union in each of the following list of 416 S.B.C. churches in 17 states. It is all the more noteworthy that six of these churches have been A-1 for at least 15 years, another has been so for the past 14 years, two others for 13, three for 12, six for 11, three for 10, seven for 9, another seven for 8 etc., while 157 joined this high rank last year. Gratefully realizing that 259 of the A-1 churches have been thus distinguished for more than one year, it is earnestly hoped that not a single one of the 416 churches will drop from the A-1 list this year and that many other churches will likewise become A-1. In the following list the small figure preceding each name indicates the number of years that church has maintained its A-1 record. A star (*) to right of name shows that church was also "outstanding" as to stewardship for the year; the August issue will carry the list of "outstanding" churches.

Alabama	Florida	Rome, Tubize*
1 Aliceville	2 Clermont, Grace	2 Sardis (Hebron Assn.)
2 Bessemer, First	5 Daytona Beach, Calvary	1 Savannah, Bull Street
3 Bessemer, South Highland	1 Green Cove Springs, First	1 Savannah, Morningside
1 Bethel	1 Miami, Central*	4 Summerville, First
2 Bethsalem*	1 Miami, Riverside*	15 Sylvania
2 Birmingham, Bush Hills	2 Plant City, First*	2 Tennille
1 Birmingham, Dawson Memorial	1 Quincy, First	7 Thomaston, First
4 Birmingham, First	9 West Palm Beach, First	11 Turkey Branch
3 Birmingham, Hunter Street	6 Williston, First	2 Vidalia, First
3 Birmingham, Pike Avenue		6 Wades*
3 Birmingham, Rubama	Georgia	Illinois
1 Birmingham, South Avondale	12 Ailey*	12 Christopher
1 Birmingham, Woodlawn	1 Albany, Byne Memorial	1 Granite City, Third
3 Brent	5 Atlanta, Capitol View	2 Harrisburg, McKinley Avenue
5 Chatham*	1 Atlanta, Grove Park	4 Lawrenceville
1 Columbiana	2 Atlanta, Inman Park	4 McLeansboro
1 Decatur, Southside	3 Atlanta, Kirkwood	4 Salem
3 Elba	1 Atlanta, South Decatur	1 Wisetown
1 Elrod	1 Bainbridge, First	Kentucky
1 Grove Hill	3 Bay Branch	1 Auburn
2 Mobile, Dauphin Way	1 Bio	1 Bardonia
5 Monroeville	1 Bowman*	1 Danville, First
5 Opp	2 Cartersville, Tabernacle	1 Danville, Lexington Avenue
2 Phenix City, Central	4 Corinth (Middle Assn.)	3 Elsmere
10 Selma, Central	1 Covington, First	7 Irvine, First
5 Sylacauga, Mignon*	15 Double Heads	15 Lebanon Junction
1 Thomasville	2 Douglas, First	7 Liberty
8 Tolbert*	5 Dry Branch (Middle Assn.)	2 Louisville, Deer Park
	1 Ellaville	1 Louisville, St. Matthews*
	3 Gainesville, Central	1 Louisville, Walnut Street
	3 Green Fork	2 Trenton
	2 Green Hill	5 Whitesville
	15 Greensboro	Louisiana
	7 Guyton, New Providence	1 Alexandria, Calvary
	6 Guyton, Pine Street*	3 Arcadia, First
	1 Harmony	1 Bastrop, First
	1 LaGrange, East*	1 Baton Rouge, Emmanuel
	1 Leefield	4 Coushatta, First
	1 Macon, Tattall Square	1 Gibland, First
	2 Macon, Vineville	2 Homer, First*
	14 Millen	1 Homer Oil Field
	2 Newtonton	11 Jennings, First
	1 Olive Branch*	1 Jonesboro, First
	5 Porterdale	2 Lake Arthur, First
	1 Rock Branch	1 Lake Charles, First
	6 Rome, Maple Street	
	2 Rome, North Broad	

6 Lake Charles, Trinity
7 Minden, First
1 Monroe, First
8 New Orleans, Central
2 New Orleans, First
6 New Orleans, Valence Street
1 Olla, First
2 Ringgold, First
2 Rocky Springs
6 Sheeviewport, Parkview
3 Sterlington, First
1 Sulphur, First
3 Welsh, First

Maryland

1 Baltimore, Overlea*
1 Cumberland, First
1 Eastport*
5 Hagerstown, First
2 Nanjemoy*

Mississippi

1 Bay Springs
2 Clarksdale, First
1 Forest
3 Indianola, First*
2 Jackson, Calvary
8 Jackson, First
1 Lumberton*
2 Moran City
5 Sunflower
4 Tupelo, Calvary
5 Tupelo, First

Missouri

1 Boonville
5 Cabool
1 Excelsior Springs
2 Flat River
5 Houston
1 Kennett*
2 Kirksville
2 Plattsburg
1 Sedalia, First
1 Springfield, East Avenue*
7 Springfield, Immanuel
1 Warrensburg

North Carolina

1 Asheville, First
4 Asheville, Merriman Avenue
1 Badin
1 Brush Creek
6 Burlington, First
6 Cokerain
1 Conway*
1 Creeksville
1 Durham, First
1 Durham, Grace
1 Durham, Watts Street
1 Durham, West
1 Elkin, First
1 Greensboro, Webster Memorial

6 Harris Chapel
2 Henderson, First
3 Madison
4 Millbrook
1 Mill Creek
1 Morehead City
3 New Bridge
6 New Friendship*
2 Oxford
1 Ramseur
1 Reynoldson
2 Salisbury
1 Sanford, First
1 Semora
7 Shiloh (Chowan Assn.)
4 Siler City
3 Thomasville, First
4 Winston-Salem, South side
7 Winston-Salem, Waugh-town
1 Woodland

Oklahoma

1 Fair
2 Oklahoma City, Kelham Avenue*
1 Tulsa, First

South Carolina

2 Bellevue
1 Blackburg, First
2 Brushy Creek (Greenville Assn.)
1 Bruton's Fork
2 Cayce
6 Cleraw
2 Columbia, Park Street
5 Darlington, First
9 Gaffney, First
12 Goucher
11 Grassy Pond
1 Greenville, Dunbar
6 Greenville, Emmanuel
1 Greenville, Morgan Memorial
1 Greenville, Pendleton Street
1 Highland Home
8 Honey Path
1 Inman Mill
8 Lamar
2 Laurens, First
1 Lawtonville
2 Long Branch (Saluda Assn.)
15 Mt. Elon
1 Mt. Pisgah
2 Mullins, First
2 New Pisgah
8 Olanta
7 Pacolet Mills
1 Reedy Fork (Greenville Assn.)*
11 Rock Hill, First
4 Simpsonville, First

2 Spartanburg, Southside
1 Starr
3 Swift Creek
1 Taylors, First
2 Timmonsville
6 Westminster
6 Westminster, First

Tennessee

10 Alamo
1 Athens, First
1 Bluff City, First
2 Bolivar
3 Chattanooga, Calvary
2 Chattanooga, Central
6 Chattanooga, Chamberlain Avenue
1 Chattanooga, First
1 Chattanooga, Highland Park
13 Chattanooga, Northside
3 Chattanooga, Ridgedale
15 Chattanooga, Tabernacle
2 Cleveland, First
3 Clinton
7 Covington
1 Etowah
2 Grand Junction
2 Hickman
2 Jackboro
1 Jackson, Calvary
1 Jackson, Madison
1 Jackson, Pleasant Plains
1 Jackson, Royal Street*
1 Jackson, West
2 Knoxville, Calvary
2 Lewisburg
6 Memphis, Bellevue
1 Memphis, First
1 Memphis, Highland Heights
2 Milan*
6 Morristown, First*
4 Nashville, Eastland
1 Nashville, Grandview
2 Nashville, Lockland
5 Old Hickory
1 Paris, First
2 Powell*
7 Trenton*
2 Trezevant
4 White House
4 Whiteville*

Texas

2 Brownfield
3 Center
2 Corpus Christi, Park Avenue
1 Dimmitt
1 Henderson, First
9 Houston, Baptist Temple
1 Houston, Park Memorial
2 Levelland
3 Luling, First
3 Pipehill

- 1 San Angelo, First
- 3 San Antonio, First
- 1 Timpson, North Side
- 1 Wichita Falls, First

Virginia

- 3 Aaron's Creek*
- 1 Alexandria, First
- 1 Alexandria, Temple
- 7 Amelia
- 1 Antioch
- 1 Arlington
- 1 Ash Camp*
- 2 Bacon's Castle
- 11 Bassett*
- 2 Berea
- 3 Bethany
- 2 Big Island
- 3 Big Stone Gap
- 2 Black Creek (Blackwater Assn.)
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- 0 Coeburn*
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- 3 Danville, Moffett Memorial
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- 1 Norfolk, Park Place
- 1 Norfolk, Raleigh Heights*
- 2 North Run
- 2 Norton

- 1 Olive Branch
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- 2 Scottsville
- 3 Sharon (Pittsylvania Assn.)*
- 1 Silver Leaf
- 3 South Boston
- 3 South Hill
- 1 South Richmond, Woodland Heights
- 11 Spring Hill (Shiloh Assn.)
- 1 Straightstone
- 3 Suffolk, West End
- 1 Summerduck
- 2 Tazewell
- 0 Thaxton
- 2 Thompson's Settlement*
- 1 Totuskey
- 1 Tena Commack*
- 1 Tucker Swamp
- 1 Union
- 1 Union Hill
- 2 Victoria
- 3 Warrenton
- 1 Western Branch
- 5 Wilcomico
- 1 Woodville*
- 3 Young's Chapel

ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING RECEIPTS

The latest records (May 1, 1940) from state W.M.U. headquarters make possible the following marvelously victorious report concerning the 1940 Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions. Unlimited praise ascends to the Heavenly Father for His manifest blessing on the undertaking, even as each contributor is sincerely thanked.

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$154,392.16
Designated by States	\$13,821.27
State Expenses	2,046.93
	15,668.20
RESULTANT for SOUTHWIDE CAUSES	\$138,723.96
GOAL for OFFERING	130,000.00
TOTAL YET to BE DISTRIBUTED	\$8,723.96



Summer Assemblies

TEXAS

IN TEXAS the word "encampment" is still in vogue and its meaning is literal. Some places provide cabins, all have open air pavilions, but there are still to be seen the tent and camp fire at most of the encampments. Texas Woman's Missionary Union has a regular hour for fully graded mission study at each general encampment. In addition to these, a State Camp for R.A.'s is maintained for three days at Latham Springs; and each of the seventeen districts and some associations maintain separate camps for young people. Conversions, re-dedications and surrenders for special missionary work make these camps important.

"Palacios by the Sea" is statewide in appeal, program and management. Special class work is done in full graded W.M.U. study, Training Union, Sunday School, B.S.C., church music, with Preachers' School, addresses on all phases of denominational work, vespers and evangelistic sermons added. Swimming, boating and other supervised recreation provide the vacation appeal. The date is July 2-12. Mrs. B. L. Lockett is to be the missionary this year and Mrs. Eureka Whiteker, the southwide W.M.U. representative.

July 9-17, Central Texas Camp is at Latham Springs; July 9-17, Menard serves the Concho Valley of Central West Texas; August 1-8, Miami serves the Panhandle. Picturesque Paisano, July 29-August 5, is the outgrowth of a cowboy camp meeting, started years ago by Dr. Truett; this majors on prayer and preaching but has regular class work in all phases of denominational work.

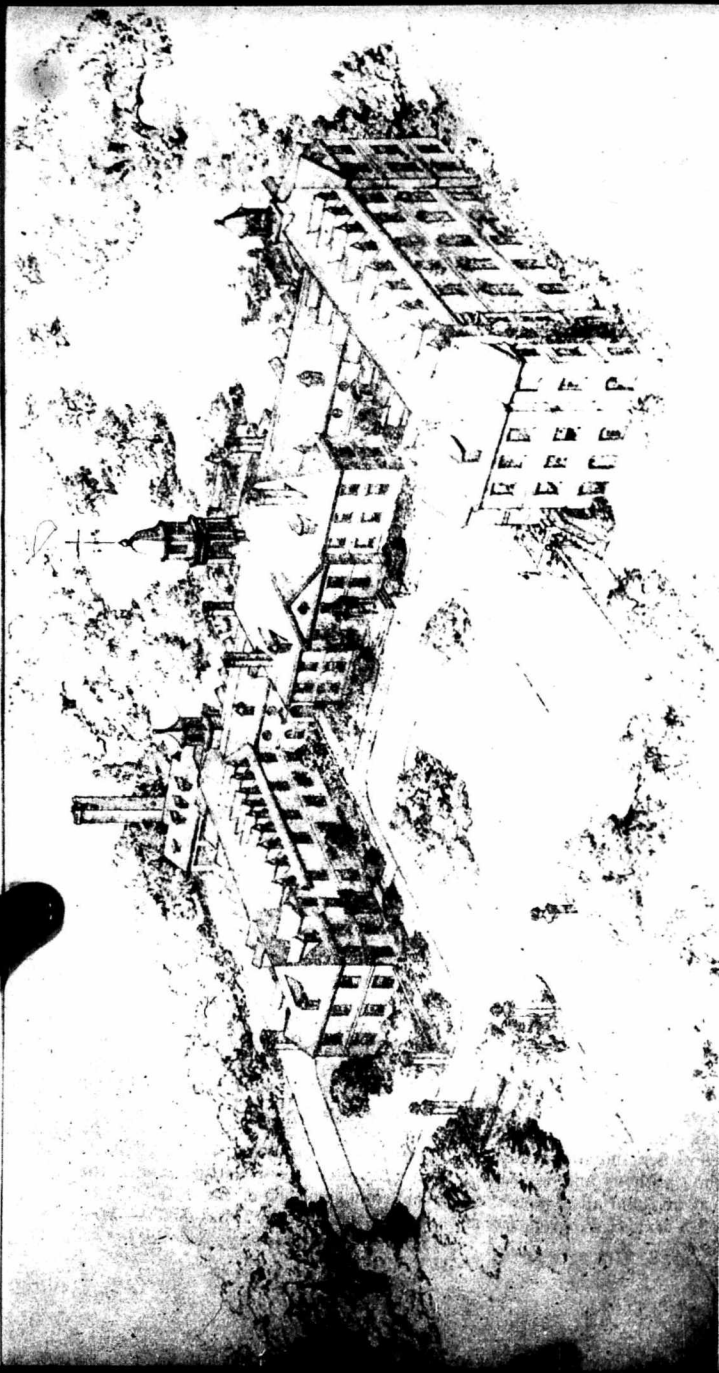
"Come thou with us and we will do thee good" at any and all of these "encampments"!—Mrs. E. F. Lyon, Executive Secretary

MARYLAND

MARYLAND Baptists look forward every year with eager expectation to their state assembly. For eight days they delight in Christian fellowship with their co-laborers, attend study classes, enjoy worthwhile programs and outstanding speakers. Last year there was an enrollment of 759, the largest in the history of the assembly. There is every reason to expect an even larger attendance this year because of the very attractive program to be presented. The dates are July 5 through the 12th.

Every phase of denominational activity is provided for in the all-inclusive program. We are able to announce acceptances of Dr. W. Sparks Melton, Norfolk; Dr. C. Roy Angell, Miami; Mrs. W. L. Blankenship, Atlanta; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lambdin and Mr. J. P. Edmunds, Nashville.

Mrs. Carter Wright, representing our southern Woman's Missionary Union, will present and teach "Stewardship Applied in Missions" for the women and Young Woman's Auxiliary members. Mrs. Wright will also have a large part in the "Conference Hour" conducted each morning by the W.M.U. state secretary. Miss Amber Sikes, Maryland student in W.M.U. Training School, will teach the class for G.A. members. We are delighted to have, for director of the Royal Ambassador Camp, Rev. Richard Ledbetter who has been assistant director for the past several years. Mr. Ledbetter will have full charge of camp activities, teaching mission study and classes in the R.A. Manual. The Auxiliary House Party will be conducted at Valley View Cottage under the chaperonage of one of our state W.M.U. leaders, assisted by Miss Sikes.—Mrs. Samuel R. Barnes, State Secretary



Architect's Drawing

FRONT VIEW of BUILDING NOW BEING ERECTED on TRAINING SCHOOL'S NEW SITE in Louisville, Ky. **R**OUND was broken for this splendid building at the spring equinox, even as was described in this magazine's May issue. Completion is promised in ample time for occupancy at the beginning of the 1941-42 session of the School. Each state that has not completed its quota for the building fund is being depended upon to do so before the end of this calendar year.

Training School

Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, Principal, 234 East Broadway, Louisville, Ky.

COMMENCEMENT, 1940

THE thirty-third commencement season of the W.M.U. Training School began on Tuesday evening, April 30th, with the traditional Vigil Service held every year by the graduating class since 1914. The idea is borrowed from the program of the Knights of the Round Table. In olden days, we are told, two kinds of ceremonies were held in the making of a knight: the sacred and the courtly. In the sacred ceremony the candidate, dressed in white and red, was conducted to the chapel by an older knight the evening before he took his vows. There he kept the "Vigil of Arms" until sunrise, passing the night in meditation and prayer. In symbolic fashion our first principal, Mrs. McLure, planned this consecration service for the young graduates going out to take their places in the great crusade of Kingdom building.

On Wednesday afternoon the student body and their friends gathered for an impressive Vesper Service. Dressed in white and singing "Lead On, O King Eternal", a long line of alumnae and students marched into the Heck Memorial Chapel where the graduates of 1940 were inducted into the Alumnae Association and the juniors into senior responsibilities. Mrs. T. D. Brown as president of the local chapter of the Association presided and Miss Mary Nelle Lyne, vice-president, acted as pilot for the incoming members. Mrs. V. L. Wyatt of Alabama, herself a graduate of the school and mother of a member of the 1940 graduating class, led in the prayer. The address was given by Miss Mary Christian, teacher of missionary education in the Training School. In response to her appeal to "set up our banners throughout the earth in the name of our God" the graduates sang "I Would Be True".

The program was then turned over to the seniors who through the student officers—Elsie Renfro, Anna Taylor and Frances Turner—laid upon the hearts of the juniors their senior responsibilities. The response for the group was made by Martha Beck, general chairman for next year. In conclusion the graduates and juniors took their places on the stage and at the front of the chapel where the impressive garland ceremony was held, in which the juniors knelt as the seniors placed around their shoulders the garlands of flowers and both groups sang together "For You I Am Praying".

At the Commencement Service on Thursday evening Miss Annie D. Denmark, president of Anderson College in South Carolina and a trustee-at-large of the Board of Trustees of the Training School, brought a stimulating and challenging address on "The Expanding Life". It is impossible to give a brief resumé of such an address without doing violence to the unity and continuity of thought. The beautiful anthem, "Dedication" by Rose Goodwin Pool, served as a climax to Miss Denmark's address and as an introduction to the brief remarks made by the principal in which she charged the graduates to follow the example of the Master who summed up His life program in the words: "For their sakes I dedicate Myself".

As these thirty-three graduates take their places out in a troubled and needy

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Bible Study

Ella Broadus Robertson, Kentucky

TWO IDEALS of PRAYER

Matt. 5:1-10; 6:5-15 (to be read between Parts 1 and 2)

Part 1. While our thoughts turn towards our southern neighbors, let us compare one feature of the Roman Catholic doctrine with Jesus' teaching on the same subject—prayer. Probably nothing is so loved by Catholics as the rosary. It is taught in early childhood, and the beads become associated with all "the history of the heart". "Don't forget to say the rosary together every night", said a dying mother; "and offer it for three months for the repose of my soul". The rosary commonly used is a "chaplet" of 5 decades; that is, 50 small beads each standing for a "Hail Mary", separated into tens by 5 larger beads on which both the "Gloria Patri" and the "Our Father" are said. A cross and four beads hang from the circle, calling for the *Apostles' Creed*, then *Our Father*, three *Hail Marys* (or else 3 short prayers called an *Act of Faith, Hope and Love*), then the *Gloria Patri*, then *Our Father*, 10 *Hail Marys*, and so around to the cross again. The full rosary is 15 decades.

What is the "Hail Mary" (Latin, *Ave*)? It has 3 parts—what the Angel Gabriel said to Mary, what Elizabeth said, what the church says: "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death".

Since the constant repeating of prayers tends to wandering thoughts, the Roman Catholic Church commands special meditations while saying the rosary: 5 "joyful mysteries" (relating to the birth of Christ) on two days in the week, and certain Sundays; 5 "sorrowful mysteries" (relating to His death) on two other days and Sundays in Lent; 5 "glorious mysteries" two days a week and Sundays till Advent. These last celebrate not only the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ and the Descent of the Holy Spirit but the "assumption" and "coronation" of Mary herself! It is believed that every rosary said procures a rich "indulgence" and a greater blessing if said in a group or in church "before our Eucharistic God". And those devoted to the rosary are promised in Mary's name deliverance from purgatory in one day.

Part 2. Now let us take the words of Jesus (read Matt. 5:1-10; 6:5-15). The Sermon on the Mount opens with the Beatitudes, which "describe the subjects of the Kingdom of Heaven"—clearly cut as a steel engraving in front of a biographical sketch. This is the man whose light shines, who understands the prophets, who controls himself, who can trust, love, forgive, pray. In the next chapter are special warnings about prayer. We must not say prayers to be seen of men or use vain repetitions or think to be heard for our "much speaking". We are to pray only to God, pray in private, sure that He is with us and is hearing us. The prayer our Lord taught on this occasion harmonizes with His prayer for the disciples in John 17. He there calls God "Father", speaks repeatedly of God's name, His will and His Kingdom and of temptation and deliverance for the disciples, even down to us. (Concluded on Page 16)

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Circle Plans

Mrs. William McMorry, Tennessee

In Teaching "Stewardship Applied to Missions"

(See also page 16)

General Aim: To show the relation between stewardship and the spread of the Gospel

Session I

Aim: To show that a recognition of God's ownership is the basis of all stewardship

Methods:

Lecture—Division I. Make clear to the class that stewardship grows out of a sense of obligation to self, to others and to God.

Blackboard Outline—Division II. Secure class participation by using Bibles to prove the "primacy of God's title". Outline as a part of the teaching process.

Questions and Discussion—By the following questions lead the class to develop B under 3: Why is the Christian under obligation to practice stewardship? How practice it? What would be the results of the practice?

Central Thought—Division III. "Missions waits on stewardship". Try concluding each session in the following way: Display without comment the key thought printed on a streamer made of wrapping paper or cloth. While the streamer is displayed, Matthew 28:19-20 is read off stage. The reading is followed by the soloist singing "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross".

Session II

Aim: To lead the class to see that all life is a stewardship

Methods:

Posters—Draw on poster board three sailboats. Label the hulls Personality, Wealth and Vocation. The key words in the outline of each division may be printed on the sails. For example: in *Division I*, use Body, Soul, Ability, etc.; in *Division II*: Belongs to God, a Kingdom Necessity, Giving and Going, Giving and Consecration, Giving an Act of Worship; in *Division III*, Surrender, Vocations Sacred, Personal Adaptability, All-inclusive.

Central Thought—Life is a unit: the use of money and the development of personality are interrelated.

Session III

Aim: To set forth God's method of making known the Gospel

Methods:

Lecture—The teacher makes plain that every

Christian holds in common with every other Christian his experience of regeneration. Secure class participation by asking members to relate their conversion. Such a testimony will be spiritually stimulating.

Discussion—Tie together the testimonies with the thought of individual responsibility for the "entrusted Gospel". Lead the class to give personal experiences in soul winning.

Special Assignment—1. Trace the missionary activities of one of the apostles (Paul) as illustrative of the stewardship of Christian experience. 2. Show how the individual projects her stewardship of the Gospel into all the world through money given to the church. Do not detail Cooperative Program plan. See Section IV. Emphasis here is on people and countries rather than percentages.

Central Thought—Conversion means consecration of both life and possessions.

Session IV

Aim: To make clear the program for world evangelization

Methods:

Lecture—Divisions I and III to B. Secure class participation through this question: Why does the church deserve financial support? Answers to be found in Sections A, B and C.

Dramatization and Posters—(1) Work out a dialogue between a new church member and the church clerk along this line: New member goes to office to ask for box of envelopes. Clerk gives it to her and explains thoroughly the system used by the church (single or double budget, pages 97-103). Scene II. Sunday Afternoon (pages 86-90). Member wonders aloud where her money goes. Another member enters in answer to her inquiry and tells her how a Cooperative Program dollar is divided. Posters illustrating southward and state causes and the percentages will add to the clearness of the presentation.

Central Thought—The world-wide program of Christ makes imperative church support.

Session V

Aim: To set forth God's plan for financing the Kingdom. (Concluded on Page 16)

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Book Reviews

Miss Willie Jean Stewart, Tennessee

STEWARDSHIP APPLIED to MISSIONS: J. B. Lawrence, Atlanta, Home Mission Board, S.B.C., 1940; Pages 128; Price 35c

"MUCH is being said today about stewardship but not enough about the relation of stewardship to the ongoing of the Kingdom of God. The two should be specifically related. That is what I have tried to do in this book", says the author in his foreword. "The stewardship argument is intellectually convincing; but is the motive given morally and spiritually impelling?" he asks and goes on to add: "The book is not, nor does it claim to be, an exhaustive study of either stewardship or missions. It is simply an effort to relate the two in a practical study . . .". This it does with fidelity and conviction.

It is very natural that Doctor Lawrence, charged as he is with oversight of the far-reaching home missionary work of southern Baptists, should be especially interested in this particular aspect of stewardship. Yet one has only to read his argument to realize that he is even more concerned about it from a Christian standpoint. He does not content himself, for example, with building up a strong case for the tithe as a continuing obligation on those of the New Testament dispensation but insists that it is more than this. "God's law of the tithe, like all of His laws", he says, "is any books reviewed in this magazine may be ordered from State Baptist Bookstore. The price of each book is quoted with its review."

TRAINING SCHOOL (Concluded from Page 13)

world, the women and young people of our missionary organizations pledge their continued support in interest and prayer even as they have rejoiced in making possible their training for service.—Carrie C. Littlejohn

BIBLE STUDY (Concluded from Page 14)

How personal is this wonderful short prayer, said earnestly, whether together or alone? The one thing Jesus requires is sincerity; and the test of sincerity is forgiveness.

absolutely binding and positively compulsory. It is not, however, outward and physical compulsion, not the compulsion of written statutes but the higher compulsion of inward and spiritual impulse. And it is exactly this spirit throughout the book which lends compelling force to his discussion. (See also page 15.)

CIRCLE PLANS

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Methods:

Lecture—Division I. Questions and Answers—(pages 110-121). For each member cut out of folded sheets of white paper a book in outline. Print on each, Holy Bible. On the inside write one question concerning the teaching of the Bible about the tithe. For example: Where is tithing first mentioned in the Bible? Gen 14:20. If there is no designated Scripture, the member finds the answer in the text. It is most important that the teacher hold together the various answers in such a way that the Bible teachings will not be overshadowed by comments.

Discussion—Division III. What is the New Testament method of support? What is the value of weekly giving? Has my experience as a tither proved a blessing?

Central Thought—The basic principles for financing the Kingdom are the same in the Old and New Testaments.

Outcome—Secure signatures to the tithing covenant cards, setting cards from state W.M.C. headquarters.

Calendar of Prayer July, 1940

Prepared by Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona

Not without design does God write the music of our lives. Be it ours to learn the tune and not be dismayed at the "rests". They are not to be slurred over, not to be omitted, not to destroy the melody, not to change the key.—John Ruskin

1—MONDAY

Mrs. Aris Bosick, (Clifford Barratt), evangelistic workers, 187 Miss Harriet King, evangelistic-educational worker, Panchow, China.
My God shall supply all your needs, according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.—Phil. 4:19

2—TUESDAY

Young Woman's Auxiliary Camp Rehoboth, North Carolina, July 2-12
such as are upright in their way are His delight.—Prov. 11:20

3—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. R. R. Machado (Estrella Perez), Vihoria, (Miss Kathryn Sewell, Brazil), Cuba, evangelistic workers.
Each day, ask of God for His grace, for He has made us alive together with Christ.—Eph. 1:4

4—THURSDAY

Mrs. D. P. Appleby (Rosalee Miller), evangelistic-literary worker, Heli-Horizonte, (Miss Maye Bell Taylor, educational worker, Recife, Brazil)
Yes, the Lord shall give that which is good.—Psa. 85:12

5—FRIDAY

Prof. and Mrs. A. Velez (Maria Monte-mayor), educational workers, El Paso, Rev. and Mrs. P. Hunter, evangelistic workers, Beaumont, Texas, also Evangeline Velez, Margaret Ford student.
Each a gift from God and we will receive it.—1 Cor. 12:4

6—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. H. T. Gilling (Miss M. Latham), educational workers, Lagos, (Miss Willie Kate Baldwin, educational worker, Abakuta, Nigeria)
This commendment have we from Him, that he who loveth God loveth his brother also.—1 John 4:21

7—SUNDAY

Mrs. L. W. Pierce (Nellie Minor), Mrs. R. H. Graves (Jennie Lowrey), Mrs. Peyton Stephens, evangelistic missionaries from China.
The consolation which we have received from Him abideth.—1 John 2:27

8—MONDAY

Dr. and Mrs. W. D. Moore (Alice Spence), evangelistic workers, Rome, Italy, (Miss Ruby Daniel, educational worker, Budapest, Hungary)
This is the promise that He has promised us, even eternal life.—1 John 2:25

9—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. Worthington (Essie Little), Pawnee, Okla., (Miss Mary Gladys Sharp, Arkansas City, Kan., evangelistic workers among Indians)
Many, O Lord, are Thy wonderful works.—Psa. 40:5

10—WEDNESDAY

Women's Missionary Union of Rumania
Take heed and be quiet, fear not, neither be fainthearted.—Isa. 7:4

11—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Saunders (Mahel Ford), evangelistic workers, Shichow, China.
Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days.—Eccl. 11:1

12—FRIDAY

Dr. and Mrs. F. H. Austin, Lynchburg, Va., Dr. and Mrs. R. B. Gayden, Natchez, Miss., evangelistic-educational workers to whom we pray.
God hath given us an eternal life and this life is in His Son.—1 John 5:11

13—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. W. O. Maer (Bertha Brown), (Miss Marjorie Spence, educational workers, Temuco, Chile)
Lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven.—Mat. 6:20

14—SUNDAY

Let each want the salvation of many souls in summer revivals.
Will Thou not revive us again, that Thy people may rejoice in Thee?—Psa. 85:6

15—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. H. P. Plerson, Kenedy, Rev. and Mrs. V. Gonzales (Sarah Plerson), Bryan, Tex., evangelistic workers among Mexicans.
If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God.—Jas. 1:5

Calendar of Prayer for July

16—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. Z. P. Freeman (Cura
Hagter), evangelistic workers, La Rio Ja.
Argentina.
Ye shall diligently keep the command-
ments of the Lord your God.
—Deut. 6:17

17—WEDNESDAY

Misses (Marie Shumate and Marie Pen-
der), evangelistic workers, Sunhing, Rev.
and Mrs. R. Ray (Claret Gilman), evan-
gelistic workers, Wuchow, China.
Be Thou true unto every man in the
situation also in the time of trouble.
—Isa. 59:16

18—THURSDAY

Woman's Missionary Union of Chile.
The Lord be with you.
—1 Th. 3:12

19—FRIDAY

Miss Eva Sanders, evangelistic-educational-
medical worker, Miss Josephine
Scaugs, evangelistic worker, Ogbomoso,
Nigeria.
The Lord Jehovah is my strength and my
song.
—Isa. 12:2

20—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Enloe, (Cura
Tremont), educational workers, Rev. and
Mrs. T. B. Stover (Cura Rattler), evan-
gelistic workers, Kende, Timor, Brazil.
Ye know that everyone must die; yet
business is done.
—1 Tim. 5:17

21—SUNDAY

Misses Anna R. Hartwell, Alice Fink,
Lillian Thompson, evangelistic mission-
aries, China.
He that is faithful unto the end shall
be saved.
—Matt. 24:13

22—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Landon, (Cura
Hagter), evangelistic workers, La Rio Ja.
Argentina.
Ye shall diligently keep the command-
ments of the Lord your God.
—Deut. 6:17

23—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Landon, (Cura
Hagter), evangelistic workers, La Rio Ja.
Argentina.
Ye shall diligently keep the command-
ments of the Lord your God.
—Deut. 6:17

24—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Vezar, (Cura
Hagter), evangelistic workers, La Rio Ja.
Argentina.
Ye shall diligently keep the command-
ments of the Lord your God.
—Deut. 6:17

Planos (Cura Aguerre), Guanabacoa, Cuba
evangelistic workers.
Blessed is he that considereth the poor.
—Psa. 41:1

25—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Powell (Cura
Hagter), evangelistic workers, Shaki, Niue-
ria, also May Heister Powell, Marzaret
Fund student.
The field is the world.
—Matt. 13:35

26—FRIDAY

Misses (Marie Alexander and Helene Mc-
Cullough), educational workers, Miss Lucy
Smith, secretarial worker, Shanghai, China.
He will speak peace to His people and to
His saints.
—Isa. 59:16

27—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Allen (Cura
Hammond), evangelistic workers, Rev.
and Mrs. J. A. Harrington (Cura
Looper), educational workers, Belo Hor-
izonte, Brazil.
The King's business requireth haste.
—1 Sam. 21:5

28—SUNDAY

Dr. R. E. Pettigrew, emeritus missionary
from Brazil, also Edward Pettigrew, Mar-
zaret Fund student.
The fruit of the righteous is a tree of
life.
—Ps. 112:3

29—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. D. E. Stamps, Elizabeth
Rok, Misses (Lena Jettens and Charlotte
Lafont), educational workers, Miss Mary
Dunbar, evangelistic worker, Yangchow,
China.
I will give wisdom unto those that love
me, and will give them the knowledge of
the secrets of the Lord.
—Prov. 2:6

30—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Landon, (Cura
Hagter), evangelistic workers, La Rio Ja.
Argentina.
Ye shall diligently keep the command-
ments of the Lord your God.
—Deut. 6:17

31—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Landon, (Cura
Hagter), evangelistic workers, La Rio Ja.
Argentina.
Ye shall diligently keep the command-
ments of the Lord your God.
—Deut. 6:17

Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Landon, (Cura
Hagter), evangelistic workers, La Rio Ja.
Argentina.
Ye shall diligently keep the command-
ments of the Lord your God.
—Deut. 6:17

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: Cementing Bonds of Friendship with Neighbors

"Inscribed upon the cross we see,
In glowing letters, 'God is love';
He bears our sins upon the tree.
He brings us mercy from above."

"Thou shalt love thy neighbor".

1st Day—Lev. 19:13-18, 33-37; Job 1:1-3
2nd Day—Psa. 133; Job 1:4-12
3rd Day—Mk. 12:28-34; Job 1:13-19
4th Day—Lk. 8:27-38; Job 1:20-24
5th Day—Jer. 22:11-18; 1 Pet. 2:1-10
6th Day—Matt. 1:23-25; Eph. 2:1-10
7th Day—Matt. 7:12; Psa. 133

"The cross" It takes our guilt away;
It holds the fainting spirit up;
It cheers with hope the gloomy day
And sweetens every bitter cup."

"Ye are My friends, if"

1st Day—John 13:34-35; Psa. 133
2nd Day—John 13:36-38; Psa. 133
3rd Day—John 15:18-27; Job 1:1-3
4th Day—John 16:1-12; Job 1:13-19
5th Day—John 16:13-23; Job 1:20-24
6th Day—John 16:24-33; Job 1:25-31
7th Day—John 17:1-10; Psa. 133

"The Preaching of the Cross"

1st Day—1 Cor. 1:3-10, 17-19;

2nd Day—1 Cor. 1:20-31; 1 Cor. 1:22-24;

3rd Day—1 Cor. 2:1-8; Gal. 3:1-10;

4th Day—1 Cor. 1:1, 2; Gal. 3:19-20;

5th Day—Gal. 6:11; Eph. 2:1-10;

6th Day—Phil. 2:1-11; 1 Cor. 1:22-24;

7th Day—Phil. 3:1-11; Psa. 133

8th Day—Phil. 3:12-21; 1 Cor. 1:22-24;

9th Day—Phil. 4:1-9; 1 Cor. 1:22-24;

10th Day—Phil. 4:12-20; Psa. 133

Pray Ye

Praise Christ that "He is our peace". Eph.
Thank God that His Word admonishes: "Let the peace
of Christ rule in your hearts!"—1

Rejoice that "the fruit of righteousness is peace in
peace for them that make peace".—James 3:18

Intercede that those who attend Southwide Y.W.A.
Camp at Ridgecrest, July 2-12 inclusive, may cov-
enant to "follow after things which make for
peace".—Rom. 14:19

Pray that Christians in every land will let "the peace
of God which passeth all understanding guard
their hearts and their thoughts in Christ Jesus".—
Phil. 4:7

Rejoice that all Christians may have the assurance that Christ included them when
He said: "My peace I give unto you."—John 14:27



Business Women's Circles

Prepared by Miss Jack Keys, Okla.
Student in Missionary Education Course I
W.M.U. Training School, Louisville, Ky.

Announcement Poster: Outline map of two Americas, with clasped hands joining the two. From these words—*Strengthening Ties—Social, Economic, Political, Scholastic*—but—*What is the Tie That Really Binds?* Give this time to our meeting.

Preparation: 1. Outline on poster or blackboard a map of America with Mexico, Cuba and South America in relative positions. Leave America white, color all but a small portion of others black.

2. Cut out small figure of "Uncle Sam" and place on lower part of the map in line with center.

3. Cut out of white paper replicas of the maps of Mexico, Cuba and South America. Sketch an open Bible in center of each.

4. Cut out figure of Christ, with arms outstretched.

5. Have ready three colored pencils or crayons: red, blue, bright yellow.

PROGRAM OUTLINE

TOPIC: "Cementing Bonds of Friendship with Neighbors"

Hymn for Year—"How Firm a Foundation"

Watchword for Year—I Cor. 15:58

Bible Study—"Two Ideals of Prayer", Matt. 5:1-10; 6:5-15 (Page 14)

Prayer—"that we may learn how to pray with power"

"Ties That Bind"—As speaker comes to words "economic, scholastic and political ties", draw on map alternate red and blue lines leading from Uncle Sam to these countries. (Pages 22-23)

"Needy Neighbors"—Speaker places picture of Christ over that of Uncle Sam, as she says: "They need desperately the Gospel of Christ". (Page 23)

"Strengthening Spiritual Ties in Mexico"—Speaker draws heavy orange line from figure of Christ to map of Mexico. (Pages 24-25)

"Strengthening Spiritual Ties in Cuba"—Draw yellow line from figure of Christ to map of Cuba. (Pages 25-26)

"Strengthening Spiritual Ties in South America"—This is a summary of topics entitled: "In Brazil", "In the River Plate Countries", "In Chile". Speaker will draw orange line to map of South America from figure of Christ as she finishes. (Pages 26-29)

"A Lasting Tie"—Give this as a challenge. As speaker says, "We can do it by sending them the Gospel", let her place white maps over each of the countries. (Page 30)

Prayer that we may give the Gospel to these neighbor nations and thereby Christianize the ties that bind our nation to them

Song: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Program Plans

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Invitations: Symbolic of the friendship that may exist between the three Americas—the countries of the Western Hemisphere, three hands may be sketched at the top of a correspondence card or a piece of note paper, two of them reaching upward toward the other. Directly under this picture in a semicircle line, the words *Bonds of Friendship* may be printed. Below may be written:

Ties of Christian love must necessarily be made strong

To uphold the right and denounce the wrong

Thus, countries in our Western Hemisphere may be claimed

North, Central, South America—in His name!

How can we make this a hemisphere of good neighbors?

W.M.S. Meeting: Time

Place

Stamps representing the Pan-American Union may be purchased from the post office and used effectively for this invitation. Possibly such stamps cancelled may be used in place of the hands on postcards with the same invitation typed underneath. A discussion among the women may be based on this stamp which shows so vividly the sisterhood of the three Americas.

Suggestions for Presenting the Program: A poster may be used effectively as the background for this discussion. On a large round piece of white poster board, North, Central and South America may be drawn and labeled, showing their proper relation to each other in position and size. On the left-hand side may be written the words, "A Hemisphere of Good Neighbors". As the topic, "Ties That Bind", is discussed, two links made of yellow construction paper may be placed together and tacked over South and Central America, symbolizing the political and economic bonds between these continents. A gap may be left in the second link, indicating the need of another to complete the chain. To show how these continents are "Needy Neighbors", South and Central America may be covered with black construction paper, cut in the same shape as the continents. North America may be left white, which in a way will indicate her responsibility for these smaller countries. As the speaker of "Strengthening Spiritual Ties" begins, she may add a third link, thus completing the chain and showing how we can be "Good Neighbors" only as we in the United States meet our spiritual responsibility of sharing Christ. As the work of southern Baptists in each country or continent is outlined, the black cover may be removed, showing how the light of Christ has in part penetrated these places. If the speaker chooses, she may remove only the parts of the continents wherein we have work; thus the remaining darkness will serve in itself as a challenge for Christians. That Christ is the only "Lasting Tie" and that our responsibility to these "Neighbors" is urgent may be brought as a challenge by placing a scarlet cross on the right hand side of North America and by sketching a mere shadow of it through the links across Central America to the left of South America. From the cross, rays of light may be drawn extending through the remaining darkness in these neighboring countries. (Pages 22-30)

Program Material

Mrs. C. D. Creasman, Tennessee

THEME for YEAR: Steadfast Purpose in a Changing World

TOPIC for MONTH: Cementing Bonds of Friendship with Neighbors
(Cuba, Mexico, South America)

Hymn for Year—How Firm a Foundation

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

Bible Study—Two Ideals of Prayer—Matt. 5:1-10; 6:5-15 (See page 14.)

Prayer that we may learn how to pray with power

Hymn—What a Friend We Have in Jesus!

Ties That Bind

—Needy Neighbors

Prayer that we may give the Gospel to these neighbor nations and thereby Christianize the ties that bind our nation to them

Hymn—Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Strengthening Spiritual Ties

In Mexico

In Cuba

In Brazil

In the River Plate Countries

In Chile

Prayer for all southern Baptist work in these lands

Stories from the Fields

A Changed Home

A Widow's Gift

It Came with the Wind

A Lasting Tie

—Hymn—Send the Light

Prayer that we may increase our gifts to home and foreign missions that all Baptist work in these neighbor nations may go forward

TIES THAT BIND

WE come this month to study about the countries to the south of us—Cuba, Mexico and the nations of South America. Strong and steadfast are the ties that bind our nation to these neighbor nations.

First, there is the tie of *propinquity*. Because these nations are near to us in distance, they are also near to us in interest and concern. We are all on one hemisphere. We are shut off from the

rest of the world by the same two great oceans. We are truly neighbor nations.

Then, there is the tie of *common interests*. Because we are neighbor nations, what concerns one concerns all. We prosper together, we develop together, we are of mutual help to each other. Should one nation fall into the hands of an enemy, the safety of all would be endangered. As we trade with each other, as we work together in the spirit of friendly cooperation for the welfare of all the American

nations, all become stronger, more prosperous and more secure from the possibility of foreign invasion.

Of course our own United States is the strongest of all the American nations and therefore must play the part of the "good neighbor" toward the smaller nations to the south. But even our own big nation realizes that her safety and prosperity are tied up with the safety and prosperity of the smaller American nations. So, especially of late years, there have been movements to cement the bonds of friendship between the United States and other American nations. In April of this year was celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the formation of the International Union of American Republics. This Union was formed for the purpose of promoting friendliness, peace and sound business relations among all the nations of the Western Hemisphere, looking to the general good of all American peoples. During these fifty years other steps have been taken to cement the bonds of friendliness between our nation and the other American republics. Ambassadors of good will representing our government have visited South American nations for the purpose of promoting fellowship and friendly cooperation. Even President Roosevelt has paid a friendly visit to South America, thereby strengthening cooperative relations between the United States and her southern neighbors. The Declaration of Lima, the result of a Pan American Congress in 1938, was an outstanding achievement of Cordell Hull's on behalf of a solidly united America. In this declaration all American nations agree to stand together against all foreign intervention or activity that may threaten them. All American nations entered heartily into this agreement which will probably take its place beside the Monroe Doctrine in its influence upon the relationships of the American nations to the rest of the world. President Roosevelt speaking on the anniversary of the formation of the Pan American Union said: "We acclaim today the symbol of fifty years of

the American way. We are determined to continue on that way in friendship. We are determined that our mutual relations be built upon honor and good faith. We are determined to live in peace and to make that peace secure. We are determined to follow the path of free peoples to a civilization worthy of free men".

While the economic, scholastic and political ties between our nation and the South American nations grow stronger, it is the desire of those of us who are vitally interested in the spread of the Kingdom of God that these ties shall be Christianized. We know that only the love of Christ reaching across the equator can maintain lasting relations of mutual helpfulness among the nations. Our own United States, looked upon as the great Christian nation of the world, must show the Christian spirit toward these smaller neighbor nations. And we who know and love Jesus must make His love known to the peoples of Latin America. The strongest tie that can possibly bind together the hearts of the people of all the American nations is the tie of Christian love. Let us make that tie as strong as possible by giving the Gospel to our Latin American neighbors.

NEEDY NEIGHBORS

A STUDY of conditions in Cuba, Mexico and South America reveals the fact that these southern nations are *needy neighbors*—that they need desperately the Gospel of Jesus Christ. All of these lands are rich in natural resources. All of them are developing, utilizing their natural resources, increasing their trade with our own and other nations, adopting the improvements which modern inventions have brought and otherwise taking places of importance in the world of affairs. They are building cities to compare with Paris and Chicago. The latest models of automobiles jostle each other on paved highways. Rich wheat fields and sugar plantations remind the visitor of Kansas and Louisiana, while

sleek cattle rival those that graze on the plains of Texas. However all this development touches the lives of comparatively few of the people while the great masses live in poverty, ignorance and in the throes of a religion that drags them down rather than elevates them.

The trouble with all Latin American nations lies in the nature of their religion. All of these countries are under the dominion of the Roman Catholic Church. Catholicism is probably stronger in Latin America than anywhere else in the world. The Roman Catholic Church keeps the masses of the people ignorant. It is estimated that the people of Brazil are 85 per cent illiterate and the same proportion would probably obtain in all these countries. The Roman Catholic Church emphasizes form and ceremony. It fills the people's lives with superstitions and degrades them morally. It arrests rather than aids in the development of the nation. The development in Latin American nations in the last half a century have come largely because of the liberating influence of evangelical Christianity brought to them by missionaries and through contacts with other nations where Christian ideals predominate.

The Roman Catholic Church keeps the people ignorant of the Bible and is violently opposed to all evangelical movements. The fanaticism of Catholicism is shown in the experience of one of our Mexican Baptist workers among the Indians of the Central Plateau in Mexico. After a two months' effort to establish work in this field he, with his wife and little daughter, were severely beaten by an angry mob of Catholic fanatics and compelled to leave town. "The homes of the small group of new believers were searched for 'bad books'; the owners of these books, having 'resisted unto blood', were finally forced to burn publicly with their own hands their new found treasure. Ten Bibles, ten hymn books and a large number of tracts and other religious literature were burned. The accusation was that these books did not talk about

the Virgin Mary. The believers were, moreover, compelled by blows to sign a statement to the effect that the proceedings of the day left them completely satisfied. Under threat of being burned alive they were strictly charged never more to communicate with other believers nor to try to obtain any more Gospel literature".

A story like this shows us how great is the need of work in nations where such fanaticism exists. Missionary Arnold E. Hayes, in a report of the North Brazilian mission, writes: "There is no longer any question about the ethics of sending evangelical missionaries to papal lands. Numerous works on history, human geography and sociology leave no doubt about the needs of these nations. Two generations of evangelical mission experiences with accompanying results leave no room for further hesitancy except in the hearts of the wilfully blind. The question is no longer whether to but how best to conduct the great adventure of winning twenty American republics to Christ".

STRENGTHENING SPIRITUAL TIES

SOUTHERN Baptists, through their missionary work, are strengthening the spiritual ties between our own land and these neighbor nations. The more we can enlarge our work the stronger will become these spiritual ties and the more secure will be the bonds of friendship that tie all American nations together. Let us take a brief glimpse of our missionary work in each of these lands.

In Mexico

The nearest of all our neighbor nations is Mexico. In fact she is so near that we can pay two cents and walk in less than two minutes across the bridge from our land into this foreign country. And yet Mexico is far, far from our country in the customs, ideals and especially in the religious life of her people.

For some years the opposition of the government to the work of all churches has made missionary effort in Mexico

almost impossible. Through these years much of our Mexican work has been done through home missions—Mexicans won to Christ in the United States returning to give the Gospel to their own people. Even now an important part of our Mexican work is done from across the border for in El Paso, Texas, is located the Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary and Training School and also the Mexican Baptist Publication House. The Foreign Mission Board bought from the Home Mission Board the buildings once used for the Tubercular Sanatorium which furnishes ideal equipment for the Seminary and Publishing House. The School is doing good work in training young women to become leaders of the Mexican people on both sides of the border. The Publishing House prints literature for Spanish-speaking Baptists around the world. Last year about fifteen million pages of Baptist literature went from this plant, carrying the Gospel message in the Spanish language to many lands.

Southern Baptists have work in thirteen of the twenty-eight states of the Republic of Mexico. Recently seven new missionaries have been appointed. Two of these are to work in "Old" Mexico. The other five will be connected with the Seminary and Publishing House in El Paso.

Last year the National Baptist Convention of Mexico met in the First Baptist Church of Saltillo. One tells of the decorative motif painted on the wall above the baptistry—"This pictured an open Bible, shedding beams of light upon a globe, representing the world. On the rostrum were artistically draped more than fifty crimson pennants—emblems of victory—bearing severally, in white letters, the names of all the churches which constitute the convention." Truly this was a convention of victory, for not only did reports show victories of the work but there were conversions during the session of the convention.

On Wednesday morning and evening, before the opening session of the con-

vention proper, the Mexican Baptist W. M. U. held their convention. "In the manner and spirit in which they planned and conducted their business, the women set the pace for the convention meetings which were to follow. They proceeded with a wisdom, tact and firmness which revealed genuine interest and a deep sense of responsibility".

Mexican Baptists are conducting pioneer missionary work in the section of the country where the pure Indian population predominates. In the recent convention one young missionary told of his joy in facing an audience of two thousand, many of whom had never heard the Gospel before. Another worker spoke of a man who had come a long distance to buy a Bible, saying that he had written for one but had not received an answer.

At this convention a work was started to enlist voluntary colporters to distribute Gospels, New Testaments and Bibles. By the end of the year twenty thousand Gospels, over 200 New Testaments and many Bibles had been distributed. "This is more than all the churches of all denominations distributed last year, not counting the work of paid colporters".

This glimpse of our Mexican work is most encouraging. Yet it certainly reveals needs and opportunities to challenge the Baptists of the neighbor nation just across the border.

In Cuba

The beautiful island of Cuba is so near to us that she seems almost like a part of our own land and is considered a home mission rather than a foreign mission task. On February 15 of this year Cuban Baptists celebrated the thirty-fifth anniversary of the ministry of Dr. M. N. McCall as superintendent of the Baptist work in Cuba. Hundreds of people crowded into the Baptist Temple in Havana for the celebration. Glowing tributes were paid to Dr. McCall; and growth of the work under his leadership was noted. When Dr. McCall went to Cuba there were only a few

struggling Baptist churches on the whole island and now there are over fifty churches with about four thousand members.

There is much reason for rejoicing as we survey all phases of our work in Cuba. We rejoice over improvements in equipment. Not only has the Temple in Havana been remodeled but new chapels have been erected on several rural fields. All this has been made possible by the Bottoms Trust Fund.

We can rejoice because of the progress of our educational work in Cuba. The Seminary at Havana is doing splendid work in training the preachers. These student preachers are already rendering effective mission work as they go out to pastor churches and to conduct missions in and near Havana. The enlargement of the Temple has made possible the doubling of the enrolment of the Baptist College in Havana. This school furnishes splendid missionary opportunities, for not only are many students baptized each year but families of students are brought into contact with the church life through the students.

We can rejoice in the medical work which has been done through the dispensary located in four rooms of the Temple, especially prepared for that purpose. Of this work Dr. McCall writes: "The physician in charge is an earnest Christian, member and deacon of our church. He gives three afternoons in the week to this free service for the poor, and in exchange we allow him the use of the rooms on other afternoons. An average of over fifty patients a week have received this service. Young women of the congregation give their time to secretarial work and tract distribution, free of charge, in connection with the clinic".

We can rejoice because of the evangelistic spirit in all of our Cuban work. The Cuban Baptists have entered heartily into the evangelistic campaign of southern Baptists. Revivals are being held in practically all their churches and mission stations. One of our missiona-

ries, Rev. Enrique Pina, is having great success in meetings held in the homes of the believers. "We are having about seven services of this kind during the week, having two or three in one night in different places; sometimes we have in the homes from sixty to a hundred persons. Some Saturdays at 7:30 P. M. we meet with the believers in our home, pray and then go out with our little organ, to play and sing on the street corners where we give a short message and invite the people to the services on Sunday".

An especially fruitful ministry in Cuba is the broadcasting of the Gospel over radio stations. Three weekly services, one bi-monthly and one monthly service are broadcast by our Baptist workers. The regular Sunday morning service of the First Church, Havana, is broadcast over a strong station that covers the entire field of southern Baptists. From all over the field come reports of people who listen not only from places where we have work but also from isolated points where no Gospel work of any kind has been done. Doubtless thousands are being reached this way who would not otherwise hear the Gospel.

While we are rejoicing over the success of our work, we must remember the great need presented by this field of over two million lost people. One of our missionaries tells about a minister of another denomination on his field who has "baptized" (by sprinkling, of course) 900 children, charging fifty cents each for the performing of the rite. The mothers think that this is a real bargain, for the Catholic priests would have charged two dollars each. This gives us some idea of the conditions our workers find on the field and also the need of the people to know the true way of life—the way which can be had "without money and without price".

In Brazil

"Largest of the southern republics, Brazil has more than half the land area

of South America and approximately half of the population of one hundred million." "Extending from the steaming, Indian-inhabited tropical jungles in the north to the horizon-wide, cattle trodden pampas of the south, this neighbor nation presents the widest possible contrast in climate, races and social conditions. As others have pointed out, the one word that best describes Brazil is 'Contrast'. High urban civilization is offset by silvan savagery, Croesus-like wealth by abject poverty, fascinating beauty by hideous danger, charming piety by repulsive paganism". (Mr. Hayes)

In this largest neighbor nation southern Baptists have had missionaries for almost sixty years. The result is that there are now over a thousand churches with a membership of about fifty thousand.

Especially fruitful has been our educational work in Brazil. We have there 39 schools with 4000 students. Some of these schools are large, with hundreds of students, and are looked upon as leading educational institutions of the land. The evangelistic opportunity of these schools is revealed by the fact that not more than twenty-five per cent of the students are from Christian homes. In both north and south Brazil are seminaries and training schools where young men and women are prepared for places of leadership. Writing of the Training School for young women at Recife, Mr. Hayes says: "Miss Mildred Cox is the efficient and energetic directress of this school, and Miss Maye Bell Taylor, recently appointed to north Brazil, is the house mother. These two young women make a fine team and the girls are devoted to them. The W.M.U. gift for the completion of the building has added to the joy of all concerned, and we look forward to a really beautiful home for these lovely daughters of Brazil".

The Brazilian Woman's Missionary Union is doing a splendid work under the leadership of Miss Minnie Landrum,

the gracious and competent secretary. Miss Landrum writes as follows of the W.M.U. annual meeting which was held last January in the historic city of Bahia: "We had three very helpful sessions with the women. Because of great distances and lack of means of transportation, it was impossible to have a very large representation. There were only 70 messengers from 10 states in the W.M.U. convention. Our annual report was the best in the history of the Union. It was read before the general convention and it was voted that thanks be inserted in the minutes for the fine work done by the Brazilian Baptist women in 1939".

"The Literature Department, with Miss Ruth Randall as editor, reports the regular issuance of two quarterlies, one for the women and young women, and one for the work among the children. Another quarterly publication much appreciated is a devotional leaflet of some twenty pages, with a portion for each day, the larger number of these coming from the consecrated pen of Mrs. Rosalee Appleby".

Writing of the evangelistic work in Brazil, Mr. Hayes says: "The work of preaching is conducted on all the fronts. In the older fields where churches are long established and have their own buildings, much of this effort is made in connection with the local church in its auditorium or in the front room of some member's home. Often a church will meet in some public square on holidays or Sunday afternoons, when deacons or pastor will tell why they are Christians and Baptists—a most effective way of interesting the indifferent".

The use of literature is especially effective in Brazil where the people have been kept in ignorance of the Bible and its teaching. From the Publishing House at Rio go every year millions of pages of Baptist literature. In opening up a new field, Bible distribution and the scattering of tracts are usually the first step. Then, when the missionary goes, the way is prepared and the hearts of

the people are ready to accept the Gospel.

In the River Plate Countries

We group three of our South American neighbor nations—Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay—together as the River Plate Countries. The Baptists of these three countries are organized together in the River Plate Convention. Missionary B. W. Orrick of Montevideo, Uruguay, writes of these lands as follows: "Our great task in this important field is to evangelize the more than fifteen million souls of these three republics. While our growth in numbers over a period of ten years is encouraging, still there are only a little more than 5000 Baptists in all our fields, and the call of these millions who do not know the Lord is ever on our heart. We have in these lands 80 churches with a membership of over 5000. There are 67 Women's Missionary Societies with about 1600 members.

"The Seminary and Training School at Buenos Aires are doing splendid work. The two schools use the same faculty, the girls and boys are together in most of the classes. The Training School graduated its first class of four fine girls last year. All of these are already engaged definitely in the Lord's work. Miss Martha Ellis, directress of the Training School, is very proud of the 13 girls in attendance this year".

Writing of the evangelistic work in the River Plate Countries, Mr. Orrick says: "Our churches with their pastors and workers are constantly seeking the lost, and in regular services the evangelistic note is always heard and felt". Then Mr. Orrick tells about special methods of evangelistic work which are being used most effectively:

"Preaching the Word in the humble homes of the people has proved in some places a most successful method of evangelism. The pastor in Minas, Uruguay, has done a wonderful work in cottage meetings, making the Gospel known to many hundreds of people in and around that city.

"Within the territory of our mission are several Gospel tents which are used very effectively in propagating the Gospel in interesting new people and in the salvation of souls. There is probably no other means quite so successful in reaching the masses as is the Gospel tent. The best way to open new work in a town or a section of a city where the Gospel has never been preached is to put up a tent, hold services every night for several weeks until a group is definitely interested and the way opened for permanent work to be established.

"The loud-speaker attached to a car or truck is especially useful for carrying the message to towns in the interior where we have no work established. They open closed doors. They put wings on the voice of the preacher, and they carry the message to people who hear even in their homes. The small interior towns are so compactly built that with a loud-speaker one can speak to a whole settlement at one time. As we spread this propaganda with a loud-speaker we also distribute Gospel tracts and portions of the Bible.

"For several years our churches have maintained, through a board appointed by our convention, radio preaching in Buenos Aires. This has been under great difficulties, since the price charged by the stronger stations is more than we could pay and because there have been restrictions which make the work difficult. However, at present one good station is giving a half hour each Sunday morning to Rev. Santiago Candelini. He and his cultured wife are our most popular radio speakers".

There are two other stations in Buenos Aires where Baptists are able to broadcast by paying for the privilege. In Uruguay there is greater freedom for this kind of work. The pastor of the First Church, Montevideo, has been preaching once a week over the radio for six years without cost. Mr. Orrick, writing of the effectiveness of the radio work, says: "Many interesting letters come in showing that the people are listening to the messages and are being

blessed. Quite a number have asked for New Testaments and only eternity can prove the vast reach of this great, marvelous means that God has given for proclaiming His word. Truly a nation can hear in a day and we hope and pray that a nation may be born again through the truth of the Gospel".

Our missionaries are opening up new fields in Argentina. The Bowdlers and Swensons are at work on frontier fields. Two years ago Mr. Z. Paul Freeman and family went to a far-away field in the mountains, hundreds of miles away from any other Christian worker. "Theirs is a world of its own, so different from the coast cities that one would think it another continent".

Surely we can rejoice because our missionaries are steadfast in the work of giving the Gospel to Argentina, which is more like our own nation than any of our southern neighbor nations. Yet it is so needful of the Gospel!

In Chile

In Chile we have 38 churches with a membership of around 4000. One writing of the opportunity there says: "The Chilean people are showing a great interest in the Gospel and are attending our churches in greater numbers. All classes of people are anxious to hear and to read the Bible".

The Woman's Missionary Union of Chile is going forward under the leadership of Mrs. Cecil R. Moore, who is secretary and also editor of the literature. Miss Cornelia Brower writes as follows about the work of the W.M.U.: "Of the 38 churches in Chile 35 have Women's Missionary Societies, and the work has grown rapidly during the year. There was an increase in gifts and in the personal service done by the women. During the year the institutes for Bible study were well attended, and thus the women and young people were able to grow in the knowledge of God's Word and in ways of doing personal work and developing churches".

Rev. W. Q. Maer is having splendid

success with a summer encampment for young people. "The camp is held on the farm of a friend of Mr. Maer's. It is an ideal location, and the farmer co-operates not only in lending his land but also by furnishing wood for cooking and for camp fires. He has lights and running water on the place, something that is not often found in the country. The farm is in walking distance of the river where there is a good place for swimming and boating. The mornings are dedicated to Bible study and classes in other subjects of interest and help to the youth of Chile. So our young people are learning to play and work and study together".

STORIES from the FIELDS A Changed Home

A CUBAN mother lost a two-year-old boy. The Baptist missionary went to the home to offer consolation. The mother was told that if she wanted peace she must go to Christ for forgiveness of sin. This she did and found peace and salvation for her soul. Although she has little knowledge of the Bible, God is using her for the salvation of others. She has already won to Christ her husband who sells vegetables on the streets of the little Cuban town where they live. The wife says that before he was converted he was all the time fighting and cursing in the home; the moment she saw him coming she would feel sick and afraid. But now, since Christ has changed his heart, the home is also changed. The wife looks forward with joy to the coming of the husband for, instead of cursing and fighting, the moment he enters the house he asks her to read the Bible to him. Two or three have already accepted Christ because of his testimony.

A Widow's Gift

A certain Mexican woman heard the Gospel and found the joy of salvation while working in the home of a native missionary of the Northern Baptist Convention. Four years later she married

and after years of daily prayer and testimony won her husband to Christ. There was no church building in the community; so the couple consecrated a room in their home to the Lord and there, in spite of persecution by the Catholics, services were held and the Gospel preached several times each week. Although the husband could not read he distributed Bibles to those who could. And a wonderful dream grew up in his heart—a dream of a lovely chapel dedicated to the worship and service of the Lord in that community. His wife shared in this dream.

And then a few years ago the husband passed away. But his dream of building a chapel lived on in his wife's heart. A year after her husband's death she brought a gift of \$100 for the building of this chapel. To appreciate the value of this gift we must look into the home where she lives. It is a small, three-room adobe house which must furnish accommodations not only for her but also for her eight daughters and two adopted sons. One room of this house is fitted for the services which are still conducted there. In another room is a sewing machine and in a tiny yard back of the house are two cows. That sewing machine and the cows are the only means the widow has of supporting eleven people. The \$100 gift for the chapel represented the proceeds of the only other property she possessed.

Can we wonder that the Lord, who commended the widow because she gave her mites, has showered blessings on this Mexican widow who has brought such a generous gift to His treasury? The services in her home continue in spite of persecution, one of her adopted sons has been converted and plans are progressing for the building of the desired and much needed chapel.

It Came with the Wind

A brisk wind was blowing in Brazil. Along the street walked a rich and

prominent man who had long been an enemy of evangelical missions. A loyal Roman Catholic, he had been giving of his wealth to pay the priests for prayers, really believing that thereby he could obtain forgiveness for his sins. But God had something better in store for this man, and on that day He used a wind as His messenger. A sudden gust caught a leaflet that lay on a missionary's window sill, blew it across the street and dropped it at the feet of the rich Brazilian. He picked it up, slipped it into his pocket and took it home. Later out of curiosity he took it from his pocket and began to read it. It was a copy of Paul's first letter to Timothy, reaching verse five of chapter two the man read with amazement the words: "There is one God, one mediator also between God and men, Himself man, Christ Jesus. . . . I speak the truth, I lie not."

This was a new thought to the man who had been paying a priest to be a mediator between him and God. But it sounded good, it sounded true. Eagerly he sought out the missionary for an explanation. He listened earnestly to the Gospel message as told by the missionary and was led to accept Jesus as Savior and Mediator and Lord.

A LASTING TIE

ON the mountain boundary between Argentina and Chile stands the famous statue, "Christ of the Andes", as an emblem of the ties of friendship between those two lands. We would place, between our land and all of these countries to the south, not an image of Christ but the love of Christ as a strong hand reaching from our hearts to the hearts of the people of these lands and cementing forever the bonds of friendship between our nation and these neighbor nations. We can do it by sending them the Gospel. May we not fail to do it?

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. Discuss the ties that bind the United States to the Latin American nations.
2. Discuss the importance of Christianizing these ties.

3. Why do we need to send the Gospel to these Roman Catholic nations?
4. Why has missionary work in Mexico been difficult for some years?
5. Where are located the Mexican Baptist Seminary and Publishing House?
6. Tell of the last meeting of the National Baptist Convention of Mexico.
7. Tell of the celebration of the 35th anniversary of Dr. McCall's work in Cuba.
8. Discuss the evangelistic work in Cuba.
9. Tell something of our educational work in Brazil.
10. How is literature used in opening up new work in Brazil?
11. Tell of the evangelistic work in the River Plate Countries.
12. Tell something of the work of the W.M.U. in Chile.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

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

The Window of Y.W.A.

—World Comrades

Southern Baptist Home Missions

—The Commission

State Baptist Papers

Last Reports of Home and Foreign Mission Boards

Mrs. B. A. Copass

Give Ye Them to Eat

Dr. W. C. Taylor

Sharing with Neighbor America

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Christ in the Silver Lands

MISSIONARY PROGRAM TOPICS for 1941

THEME for YEAR: An Urgent Gospel: the World's Dire Need

January—An Urgent Gospel Where We Live

February—An Urgent Gospel, Free or Bound?

March—An Urgent Gospel: Need of Homeland

April—An Urgent Gospel: Challenge to True Discipleship

May—An Urgent Gospel: to Direct Youth

June—An Urgent Gospel: Night in Europe

July—An Urgent Gospel Adequate for the Changing Orient

August—An Urgent Gospel Demands Trained Heralds

September—An Urgent Gospel Summons States . . . "to Enlarge . . . to

Lengthen . . . to Strengthen"

October—An Urgent Gospel Answers South America's Question, "How Long Must We Wait?"

November—An Urgent Gospel: Dispels Heathen Darkness

December—An Urgent Gospel: Song of Angels, the World's Hope

A CORRECTION, PLEASE

The price of the book reviewed in the June issue of this magazine was incorrectly given. The title of the book is *Today in Manchuria*. The price is 50c.

Our Young People

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

SUMMER PLANS for OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

SUMMER days bring more responsibilities for mothers, because school is out and the children are at hand all day. Woman's Missionary Union must realize also additional summer responsibility; instead of taking a summer vacation there is splendid fostering to be done.

Young people need help in knowing about and in going to state or district summer camps under the auspices of state Woman's Missionary Union. Many will go at their own expense when parents know the importance and value of these camps; the W.M.U. young people's director and the auxiliary counselors should talk to parents so that they understand dates, expenses, plans and worthwhileness of the days. Others can go with partial or full help from the W.M.S. Select to be sent as representatives of the missionary education organizations of your church those who will be able to bring back able reports and to pass on the inspiration received by their work in the organization. Consider regularity of attendance, interest manifested in the organization as seen in taking the magazine, in progress in *Forward Steps* or *Ranking System* if in G.A. or R.A., participation in *Stewardship Education* plans, in bringing new members and so on. This fostering by a trip to camp should be wisely done, with prayerful decision and selection.

The following article, unsolicited, shows what one camp meant to one devoted G.A. in one state. What may not this summer mean to hundreds of our young people who go to W.M.U. camps and conferences?

The Value of G.A. Camp in My Life

Beautiful scenery, fun, fellowship, plenty of fresh air and spirituality! At no other place could you find all these things better than at a G.A. Camp.

This past summer I had the pleasure of attending the G.A. Camp at Ferncliff, Arkansas. I was never so inspired as I was there. The association with those fine girls and excellent leaders has certainly deepened my spiritual life.

The scenery revealed the wonderful handiwork of God and made you feel the magnificence of the One in whom you were trusting. The spirit of the girls and leaders made you feel so happy and lifted the burdens from your soul. Then when the evening came you were impressed by the great work southern Baptists were doing. Those fine speakers revealed the need of the lost world and stirred you to the innermost depths of your soul. It made you feel the responsibility that rested on you in carrying the Gospel to the lost. It made you eager to work for the Lord who had done so much for you.

That was a well rounded week that gave me vitality and enthusiasm which I wanted to share with the girls at home. I am sure that every girl went away with a determination to be a better handmaiden for the Lord.

Certainly there is no other one thing that can awaken a girl to the needs of those around her and fill her soul with enthusiasm and desire as can the time spent at a G.A. Camp—*Dorothy Jean Guy, Queen Regent, Pine Bluff, Arkansas*

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, Auxiliary to SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION FIRST QUARTERLY REPORT—January 1 to April 1, 1940 Compiled by W.M.U. Treasurer

STATES	Reported by State Treasurers as Having Been Contributed by W. M. U. Members				Received by W. M. U. Treasurer			Total	
	Debt-Paying Campaign	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Ministerial Relief	Christian Education	Missions and Other Organizations in W. M. U. Program	W. M. U. Training School St. to Appt. Tr. School Tr. School Scholarships		Special Gifts
Alabama	2,513.50	1,234.24	7,705.02	553.62	4,168.23	7,231.09	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,400.20	\$ 28,505.00
Arizona	69.00	30.27	298.81	2.82	6.02	121.45	2.25	16.50	548.02
Arkansas	817.88	3,304.08	1,740.02	90.64	1,997.08	6,568.09	92.80	871.13	15,760.81
District of Columbia	104.50	1,060.58	504.80					91.00	1,859.88
Florida	1,748.23	7,070.86	3,303.24	550.61	2,533.87	5,407.50	125.00	1,923.00	22,893.00
Georgia	4,445.81	2,977.43	11,531.70		1,066.72	32,504.20	489.16	4,304.54	53,312.94
Illinois	324.51	640.63	2,178.08		3,699.35	5,046.21	125.00	409.80	10,091.94
Kentucky	2,200.02	5,821.17	7,660.09	1,134.38	1,066.72	11,264.52	46.75	3,351.50	35,381.78
Louisiana	1,837.33	1,070.02	10,374.02	152.60	1,200.04	5,678.04		14.00	20,437.85
Maryland	43.00	1,048.62	2,024.68	205.38	264.70	1,959.60		8.35	5,554.42
Massachusetts	816.35	1,927.75	4,035.23	227.13	1,795.10	6,035.33	350.00	26.50	16,113.59
Missouri	1,558.85	7,669.53	5,468.41	479.44	3,130.41	5,973.02	300.00	755.39	25,545.05
New Mexico	156.00	469.84	126.25				120.00		4,057.34
North Carolina	4,361.40	9,942.57	19,367.52	2,334.33	19,447.19	8,750.68		4.00	64,247.69
Oklahoma	846.00	10,152.60	2,350.06	204.00	3,793.20	6,220.47	250.00	4.00	23,821.23
South Carolina	480.77	5,278.61	6,360.60	1,078.47	943.75	13,010.07	500.00	1,250.46	31,911.82
Tennessee	3,402.01	8,846.50	15,042.22	1,654.03	8,547.53	11,721.52		400.00	49,622.81
Texas	7,429.21	13,923.40	26,217.13	3,410.35	18,434.75	59,643.56		5,121.80	134,180.20
Virginia	340.64	17,412.97	21,400.16	2,405.56	11,965.69	18,033.67	500.00		75,352.69
Totals	\$33,585.01	\$103,000.67	\$153,790.43	\$14,693.36	\$83,075.73	\$209,255.68	\$2,918.80	\$17,279.12	\$619,299.05

Value of Boxes \$2,463.76

Current Missionary Events

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

A century has passed since evangelical work began in Latin America. During that time churches have been established in the twenty republics, which have a total membership of 337,714 and an evangelical community of 1,724,584. Approximately one-half of these are in Brazil; yet the people in one-half of all Latin America, about 60 millions, have had no chance to hear the Gospel.—*World Dominion*

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A work with the first generation of heathenism and savagery is being done by the *Inland South America Missionary Union* among the Campas, a wild savage tribe of Indians whose sensibilities, we are told, have been so dulled with alcohol and cocaine that their response to any uplifting experience is most discouraging. When fired by the native drink, *masato*, they are an exceedingly dangerous people. They are a kind of migratory people; but, where a few families have been gathered together, their interest is so often diverted and they learn so slowly that two hours of school daily is as much as any teacher can stand. But there are signs of progress and some are learning to read, using the New Testament as a text.

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According to a correspondent of the *Christian Century* perhaps the most important step in two decades toward Christian cooperation in South America is the *Confederation of Protestant Churches in the River Plate* area. The project was launched in 1938 with nine different denominations and missionary bodies officially affiliating, with ten

others sending fraternal delegates, among them southern Baptists.

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From Uruguay comes the news that loud-speakers are being used to good effect in sowing the good seed of the Gospel. In our southern Baptist mission there are several loud-speakers which may be attached to a car or a truck, especially in the small interior towns which are so compactly built that by means of the loud-speaker one can preach to a whole settlement at one time.

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It should be of interest to every W.M.U. member to learn that a Margaret Fund student, attending Westhampton College in Richmond, Virginia, won signal honors this year. She is Margaret Crabtree who is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Crabtree of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Margaret was elected to the honor scholarship fraternity, Phi Beta Kappa. Henrietta Sadler, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George W. Sadler, won Intermediate Honors and was elected to Moral Board, an honor society. She was also elected president of Y.W.C.A. for next year at Westhampton.

While the Salvation Army has work in more than eighty countries of the world, Mexico's laws made it practically impossible for the Army to enter; yet *World Dominion* reports that a young Mexican began work in the slums of Mexico City among drunkards and other human wreckage, on lines very similar to those employed by the Army. A number of zealous young people joined him. Street meetings were held in defiance of the law, and when arrested the leaders continued to preach the Gospel in jail. The number of transformed lives at last convinced the government that it was expedient not to molest this work.

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It has been but a few years since the Baptists of Brazil sent a missionary to Portugal. Today there are 13 churches with a membership of about 600. Thus indirectly are southern Baptists responsible for the spread of evangelical Christianity in Portugal.

RECORD OF CONTRIBUTIONS January 1 to December 31, 1939 WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, AUXILIARY TO S.B.C., COMPILED BY W.M.U. TREASURER

STATES	Reported by State Treasurers as Having Been Contributed by W.M.U. Members					Received by W.M.U. Treasurer			
	Debt-Paying Campaign	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Ministerial Relief	Christian Education	State and Other Objects in S.B.C. Program	W.M.U. Training School		
							State App'l Training School	Scholarship Fund	Special Gifts
Ala.	\$ 10,311.71	\$27,928.03	\$ 14,872.02	\$ 2,538.50	\$ 21,088.90	\$ 35,367.10	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 3,140.04
Ariz.	255.25	680.30	468.23	25.80	63.46	1,564.98	18.50	200.00	3.95
Ark.	3,423.71	15,307.38	8,132.70	721.18	6,690.57	30,338.72	718.11	200.00	1,104.73
D.C.	271.00	1,069.58	365.52			457.02	135.00	200.00	
Fla.	8,056.22	19,875.50	10,952.81	2,303.10	10,109.56	30,303.72	500.00	800.00	71.65
Ga.	17,408.50	28,168.50	13,627.93	109.25	96.59	147,200.98	2,911.58	700.00	4,533.85
Ill.	1,118.69	4,473.52	2,525.45	14.15	5,504.80	22,751.41	424.28	300.00	10.45
Ky.	11,862.23	42,121.49	23,723.69	5,514.40	17,419.57	62,596.13	2,000.00	393.87	5,262.71
La.	7,351.54	16,868.60	10,471.44	790.53	6,433.54	44,152.78	300.00		33.48
Md.	380.75	6,116.89	3,197.80	747.49	1,012.73	8,716.13	175.00	400.00	18.00
Miss.	3,740.03	22,202.46	12,821.04	966.76	8,424.02	33,098.60	1,400.00	1,000.00	6,052.62
Mo.	5,948.97	21,804.50	12,780.44	2,006.93	12,667.80	27,364.80	1,560.00	365.00	2,770.06
N.M.	683.23	1,821.04	1,443.24		180.00	9,929.30	70.00		12.50
N.C.	16,349.48	74,380.64	29,703.33	5,030.74	77,091.75	56,713.21	1,700.00	1,400.00	6,238.96
Okla.	3,780.50	19,481.81	9,806.87	1,244.00	12,532.12	35,122.18	1,325.00	550.00	315.00
S.C.	3,334.07	16,033.62	23,329.86	5,852.05	5,184.16	78,145.74	1,200.00	1,150.00	2,976.88
Tenn.	13,396.58	53,018.71	25,503.04	6,088.12	32,381.82	49,252.07	1,500.00	900.00	6,690.11
Tex.	15,959.10	109,998.42	39,680.73	14,968.70	78,545.09	235,226.11	1,200.00		6.00
Va.	1,363.83	108,965.32	43,828.90	10,712.47	63,280.20	90,220.24	2,000.00	400.00	
Total Contributions	\$124,995.39	\$637,326.48	\$287,333.72	\$ 60,513.44	\$358,715.77	\$1,018,611.40	\$ 20,337.47	\$ 9,358.87	\$*39,240.90
									\$ 2,556,442.53

*This amount includes \$37,089.24 for the McClure Memorial Building Fund for the Training School.

†This amount includes \$12,000 given to Foreign Missions by Miss Varina Brown, Anderson, S. C.

Value of boxes to missionaries, orphanages and hospitals \$108,291.80

Total cash and boxes \$2,664,734.33



STEADFASTNESS SHOWN by STATISTICS

DURING the calendar year of 1939 Woman's Missionary Union was privileged to achieve many victories "in the work of the Lord". Some of these achievements are herewith listed in deepest gratitude to every youth and adult who made possible the victories.

Organizations—39,720	Gain—1123
Members—747,845	Gain—32,443
W.M.S. Tithers—103,979	Gain—1969
"Outstanding" Churches—725	Gain—164
Personal Service Committees—15,538	Gain—1612
Mission Study Classes—46,465	Gain—2621
Small Seals Awarded—186,847	Gain—5485
Churches Having W.M.U. Work—12,779	Gain—210
Churches with Full Graded W.M.U.—3290	Gain—323
Organizations on Standard—14,680	Gain—940
A-1 Organizations—7416	Gain—465
Royal Service Subscriptions—96,591	Gain—6227
Organizations Observing:	
State Season of Prayer—20,453	Gain—1845
Home " " "—22,491	Gain—1964
Foreign " " "—23,056	Gain—1543

New Scenes

New Friends New Thoughts



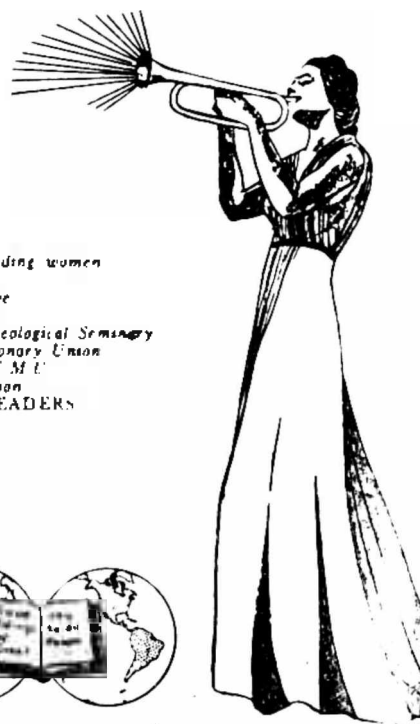
Young women will find them at
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Among the speakers—

DR. MARY E. WOOLLEY, one of America's leading leading women
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MISS FLORA STROUT, world's W.C.T.U. representative
MISS LENORE ANTHONY, radio artist and dramatist
DR. J. B. WEATHERSPOON, professor at Sou. Bap. Theological Seminary
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