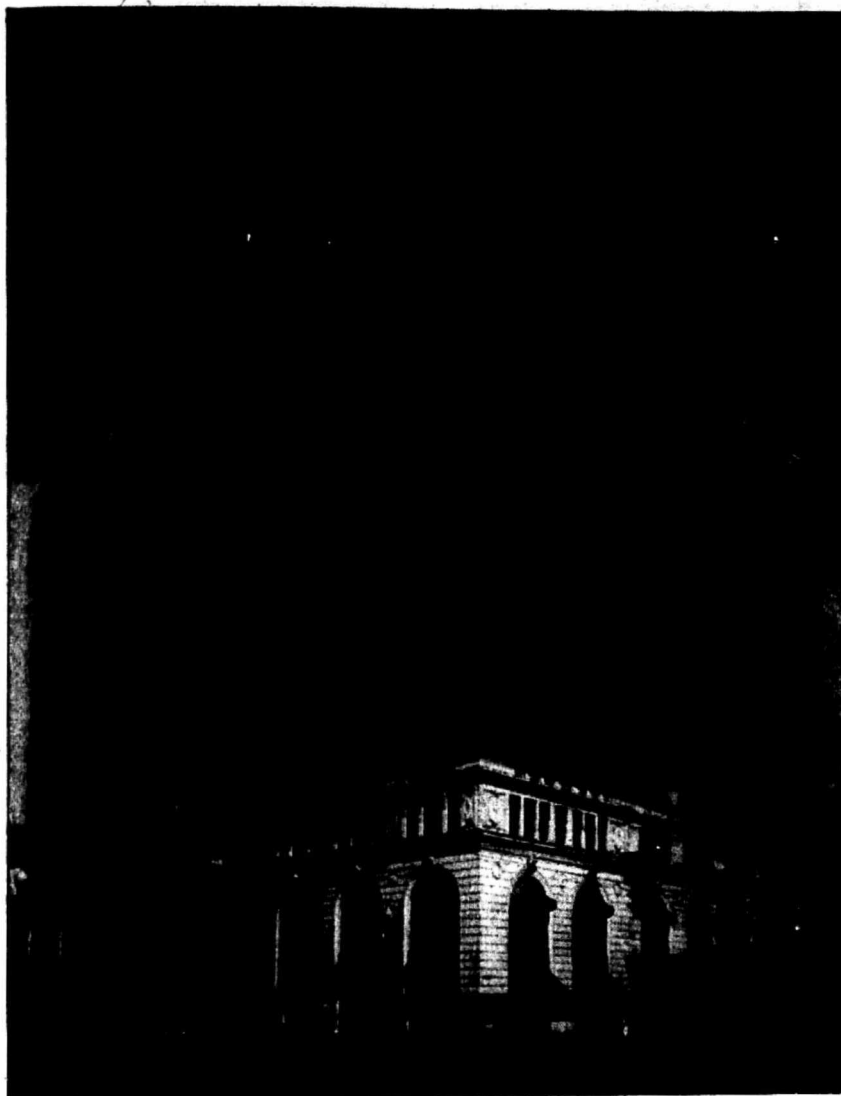


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Editorial

To CROWN a CENTENNIAL

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

THE messengers from missionary societies, churches and other religious bodies of the Baptist denomination in various parts of the United States met in Augusta, Georgia, May 8, 1845, for the purpose of carrying into effect the benevolent intention of our constituents by organizing a plan for eliciting, combining and directing the energies of the denomination for the propagation of the Gospel. The foregoing words as quoted from the preamble to the constitution of the Southern Baptist Convention cause today's constituents to look back on ninety-six years of united service and forward to 1945, the centennial year. It is important that every southern Baptist shall enter into a fellowship of service that shall make these remaining four years crown worthily a century of ministry in the propagation of the Gospel at home and abroad.

Before 1845 the women of the churches were having a part in societies that were praying for and giving to missionary causes. In their homes and in the churches they were teaching children and young people to be missionary-minded. Through the subsequent 43 years they were more active participants in the denomination's missionary enterprise growing toward the organization in 1888 of Woman's Missionary Union, which was rightly called "Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention". Fifty-two years of service as helper have resulted in more than sixty million dollars contributed to non-local missionary causes; also there has resulted a membership of almost 750,000 women and young people united in study, prayer and giving for the propagation of the Gospel.

Now the Southern Baptist Convention has entered upon the crowning years of its first century. Woman's Missionary Union joins all its forces in an earnest effort to make this period in every sense triumphant. To have a debtless denomination would be a crowning achievement. The resolution adopted in the 1940 Annual Meeting of Woman's Missionary Union to take upon herself one-third of the total southwide debt of \$3,000,000, thereby agreeing to make a mighty effort to raise one million dollars in the five-year period, is in accord with the spirit of helpfulness which has ever characterized this auxiliary missionary organization. It will quicken the purpose of all southern Baptists to make this a wholly victorious undertaking. Each W.M.U. is urged to make plans immediately for enlisting debt-paying memberships according to its state plan, realizing that it will be easier to raise in 1941 far more than the proportionate part. Economic conditions will undoubtedly contribute to this end. Since people will have more money than they are apt to have in later years it should be a time to seek and enlist a larger number of helpers in this million dollar effort.

The glory of the service of W.M.U. through the long years is that it represents the combined interest and expression of individual members in small as well as large groups. Endeavoring to hold ourselves steadily to the Christians' main business, the propagation of the Gospel, we shall help worthily to crown the years that make up a century of southern Baptist life.

Annual Meeting

BIRMINGHAM INVITES SOUTHERN BAPTIST WOMEN

THE time is approaching for the annual southwide meetings of Woman's Missionary Union and the Southern Baptist Convention in Birmingham. We are very happy that the 1941 sessions of these bodies will be held in our city, and we wish herewith to extend to the Baptist women throughout the south a cordial invitation to come to Birmingham for these annual high occasions in southern Baptist life and Kingdom promotion.

Birmingham, which is near the center of S.B.C. territory, is a comparatively new city with only a little more than a half century of history. The city is widely known as a great and rapidly growing industrial center surrounded by unlimited mineral resources. Because of thriving steel and other industries, Birmingham is commonly described as the "Pittsburg of the South". It is located in beautiful Jones Valley, bordered by mountains to the north and south.

Birmingham is more than an industrial center. It is also a center of beauty, culture and religion. The natural scenery surrounding Birmingham is hardly excelled by any city in this country. The mountains and woodlands have provided a natural setting for a widely known residential section. It is a city of roses with rose-trails leading out for many miles along some of the main highways. Birmingham is also a great church center, with many large churches and beautiful church buildings. The Birmingham Baptist Association is said to be the second largest in the world, with 102 churches and more than 50,000 members. Birmingham is also a school center with Howard College, one of the Baptist colleges of Alabama, and Birmingham-Southern, a Methodist college, located in the city.

We are very proud to have the southwide Woman's Missionary Union headquarters located in our city with offices in the Comer Building. These headquarters afford us special blessings and privileges. There flows from these offices a constant stream of missionary information and inspiration to an almost countless number of Baptist churches in the south and around the world. We are sure that the women of the south, while in Birmingham, will want to visit their own Woman's Missionary Union headquarters.

Of peculiar interest during the coming Southern Baptist Convention will be the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Sunday School Board. This Board was founded during the Convention when it met in Birmingham fifty years ago. We welcome the Sunday School Board and all the Sunday School Board forces as they return to Birmingham for the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the Board. A special place will be provided on the S.B.C. program for this celebration.

The sessions of Woman's Missionary Union and of the Southern Baptist Convention will be held at the Municipal Auditorium which seats 6,000 people and is located near the heart of the city. The auditorium faces lovely Wilson Park and is within walking distance of practically every hotel in the city. Birmingham has many large and accommodating hotels, eight of which are unreservedly recommended to the messengers for these two May meetings. No one of the hotels will be designated as W.M.U. headquarters; however, the Union's general officers

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CENTENNIAL MEMBERSHIPS

OVER two-thirds of the states hold their annual W.M.U. meetings in the springtime. At these largely attended gatherings this spring there is apt to be an enthusiastic presentation of the two following motions as passed at the recent mid-year meeting in Birmingham of the W.M.U. Executive Committee and state W.M.U. executive secretaries:

1—That in view of the Union project to raise by 1945 one million dollars for southwide debts, we recommend that this amount be apportioned among the states by the W.M.U. treasurer in conference with the state W.M.U. executive secretaries, the apportionment to be retroactive with calendar year of 1940.

2—That in this effort Centennial Memberships of \$100 each be sought from individuals, circles and societies according to the state's debt-paying plan. That such memberships commence with the S.B.C. year of 1941 and conclude with May, 1945.

History seems to prove that if a state W.M.U. accepts an apportionment in any southwide undertaking it concentrates its efforts thereto. Thus it came that the \$220,000 goal of the 1940 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering was exceeded by more than \$111,000 (see below and 3). Because of this same efficiency and enthusiasm the states raised the promised \$100,000 for the Maud Reynolds McLure Memorial in the present building project of the W.M.U. Training School. Therefore, it is gratefully believed that each state Union will eagerly and earnestly endeavor to reach its accepted apportionment in the southwide effort to raise \$1,000,000 toward a debtless denomination by 1945. In this effort the securing of Centennial Memberships is quite timely. (See also page 4.)

1940 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Reported by States

Name of State	Goal	Total Receipts	For Causes Not in Southwide Goal	Retained for State Expenses	Resultant toward Southwide Goal
Ala.	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 14,159.04	\$	\$ 133.00	\$ 14,026.04
Ariz.	400.00	480.61			480.62
Ark.	7,500.00	9,523.86		250.00	9,273.86
D.C.	900.00	911.50			911.50
Fla.	9,500.00	9,719.66		114.95	9,604.71
Ga.		23,168.06			23,168.06
Ill.	2,750.00	3,667.56	425.00	36.00	3,206.56
Ky.	15,000.00	19,315.61			19,315.61
La.	12,579.88	9,925.98		81.00	9,844.98
Md.	2,500.00	2,616.32		100.00	2,516.32
Miss.	12,500.00	12,408.25			12,408.25
Mo.	13,500.00	12,650.26		162.43	12,487.83
N. M.	1,816.00	1,825.11			1,825.11
N. C.	40,000.00	40,764.99	200.00	288.25	40,276.74
Okla.	13,500.00	10,314.65		157.46	10,157.19
S. C.	21,000.00	25,319.98	2,600.00	144.76	22,575.22
Tenn.	18,000.00	18,510.73		177.14	18,333.59
Tex.	35,000.00	68,418.61	21,968.61	150.00	46,300.00
Va.	22,000.00	47,500.00	4,500.00		43,000.00
TOTALS	\$241,445.88	\$331,200.79	\$28,693.61	\$1,795.01	\$299,712.17

IT is decidedly interesting to compare with the above figures the corresponding ones for 1939. Both tabulations were made just about six weeks after the observance of the respective December Week of Prayer. The total receipts at that time from the 1939 December Week of Prayer were \$315,157.53. Comparison shows a gain in the 1940 offering of \$16,043.26 in its glorious total of \$331,200.79. Deepest gratitude is herewith expressed to every pastor, W.M.U. member and organization that as "laborers together with God" made possible this blessed victory! The Foreign Mission Board reported last June at the meeting in Baltimore that it had received from the 1939 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering \$330,424.70. Eagerly is its report awaited for the May meeting in Birmingham!

**Beyond-the-GOAL GIFTS of
1940 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING**

Traveling Expenses of Missionaries from Warring Lands.....	\$25,000.00
Machinery, Publishing House, Rio, Brazil.....	3,000.00
Current Expenses, Colegio Bautista, Temuco, Chile.....	1,000.00
Expenses, Industrial Institute, Corrente, Brazil.....	500.00
College Church, Rio, Brazil.....	3,000.00
Evangelistic Work of Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Christie, Brazil.....	300.00
Operating Expenses of Launch, Amazon River, Brazil.....	300.00
Operating Expenses of Two Launches, Nigeria.....	300.00
Repairs and Upkeep, Training School Building, Buenos Aires, Argentina	250.00
Emergencies, Repairs and Enlargement, Stout Memorial Hospital, Wuchow, China.....	2,500.00
Expenses, Institute, Curitiba, Brazil.....	600.00
Completion of Church, Goyaz, Brazil.....	1,500.00
Taylor-Egydio College, Jaguaquara, Brazil.....	5,000.00
Building, First Baptist Church, Temuco, Chile.....	1,400.00
Training School (Men and Women), Kweilin, China.....	500.00
Day Schools, All-China.....	2,000.00
School Property, Joao Pessoa, Brazil.....	3,000.00
Mission at Hawaii.....	4,000.00
Bible Fund of Publishing House, Rio, Brazil.....	762.17
Rents and Student Employment Fund, Seminary, Buenos Aires, Argentina.....	300.00
Opening Proposed New Mission in West China.....	5,000.00
Completion W.M.U. Headquarters, Ede, Nigeria.....	1,000.00
Completion Normal Building, Idi Aba, Nigeria.....	1,000.00
Emergency in China.....	5,000.00
Missionary Home for Doctor or Dentist, Ogbomoshos, Nigeria.....	4,000.00
Dispensaries and Clinics, Nigeria.....	1,000.00
Hospital, Ogbomoshos, Nigeria.....	500.00
Chapel and Missionary Home, Antofagasta, Chile.....	2,500.00
Training School, Buenos Aires, Argentina.....	1,000.00
Current Expenses, Seminary, Ogbomoshos, Nigeria.....	1,500.00
Taxes and Repairs, Publishing House, El Paso, Texas.....	1,000.00
Current Expenses, Seminary, Hwanghsien, China.....	1,000.00
TOTAL, Beyond-Goal-Gifts	\$79,712.17

"Thine, O Jehovah, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory! All things come of Thee and of Thine own have we given Thee that Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy salvation among all nations!"—*I Chron. 29:11, 14; Psa. 67:2*

ANNUAL MEETING (Concluded from Page 5)
who do not live in Birmingham will be registered at the Tutwiler Hotel, and all W.M.U. southwide committee meetings will be held there. (See also pages 1, 35, 36.)

We, the Birmingham Baptist women, are looking forward to the happy fellowship we shall have with the Baptist women of the south when they come to Birmingham in May.—*Mrs. A. Hamilton Reid, Supt. B'ham. W.M.U. Ass'n., Member W.M.U. Publicity Committee*

Evangelistic Crusade

WOMEN AS SOUL WINNERS

Dr. Thos. P. Haskins, Associate Secretary
Oklahoma Baptist State Convention

"H ELP those women which labored with me in the Gospel" (*Phil. 4:3*). These words of Paul bring to mind the beginning of the Gospel in Europe. On a Sabbath morning, down by a river-side in the city of Philippi, a group of women assembled for prayer. Paul preached Christ unto them and the Lord gloriously saved Lydia, a business woman. She then opened the doors of her home to Paul's missionary party. We have every reason to believe that the first church in Philippi was organized in Lydia's house.

Today a letter, written by our pastors, missionaries and evangelists to churches where they have served, would be incomplete without these words: "Help those women which labored with me in the Gospel". How glorious is the work of our Women's Missionary Societies in our crusade for lost souls! Our women have kept the altars of prayer aglow through personal daily devotions, regular periods of prayer, cottage prayer-meetings in revival seasons, the establishment of family altars. In a beautiful way our Christian women are saying to a sinful, troubled world: "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (*Rom. 10:13*). To troubled hearts they are extending God's promise: "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee; and thou shalt glorify Me" (*Psa. 50:15*). Our women are faithful in the religious census to find the lost and unenlisted. As officers and teachers in the Sunday school, they are constantly seeking through their teaching and visitation to reach lost souls, winning them to Christ and the church.

Through Vacation Bible Schools our women are rendering invaluable service in winning boys and girls to Christ. One of the most glorious days experienced in any Vacation Bible School is the day when the boys and girls come forward, making profession of their faith in Christ Jesus.

Our women are united in their efforts to personally win their loved ones and friends. I am thinking today of one experience in a church where I served. After much prayer and tactful persuasion, a faithful Christian wife succeeded in bringing her unsaved husband to a revival meeting. One night, another consecrated wife and mother wisely approached him, giving him the blessed promises of our Savior if only he would believe. He finally accepted Christ on that night and until the time of his death, three years later, lived a consecrated and useful Christian life. On the afternoon before his death the little woman, who had spoken to him about his soul, stood on one side of his bed and I stood on the other. He extended a hand to each of us, saying: "I thank you for staying with me that night in the church. Otherwise, I would not have been ready for this hour. Now I have no fear. I am ready!" "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever" (*Daniel 12:3*).

Personal Service

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

CHRIST LIVING in YOU—Colossians 1:27

PAUL, in writing to the believers at Colosse of the mystery of the ages made known in Christ Jesus to His saints, summed it all up in this revealing word picture: "Christ in you, the hope of glory!" As we study these words, do we as Christians realize that by our every word and deed we are showing to the world what Christ means in our lives? Does the world see Jesus in us? As we who call ourselves Christians live, just so is Christ represented or misrepresented.

A mother was deeply disappointed when she saw the proof of some pictures she had posed for; she told the photographer: "This is not a true likeness of me. I don't want my children or grandchildren to think of me like this, when I am gone". Now Jesus has gone back to His Father and our Father, God, and has no other way of showing to a lost and ruined world what He can mean in the lives of men and women, except as we let Him come in and rule and reign in our lives. Are we drawing a true likeness of Him?

A young Chinese boy walked sixty miles, leading his blind father to reach a Christian hospital. He asked the Christian nurse who met him at the door: "Does Christ live here? I've brought my blind father for Him to cure". After hesitating a moment she answered, "Yes". The doctor later proved to be a true interpreter of the spirit of Christ. Jesus Himself was the only perfect interpreter. Why? He knew His Father's will and purpose to redeem the world. How did He know the Father's will? Notice how often He communed with the Father. As He

communied with the Father, the Father communicated to the Son.

Paul says in Philippians 2:5, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus". The things of the mind become actions. Jesus went about doing good: "He came not to be ministered unto but to minister and to give His life as a ransom for many". Whenever He went there followed joy, peace, healing; even death fled at His entrance. Personal service is you at work for the Master, doing the things He would do if He were here. Over a great hospital door are these words: "I dressed his wounds, God healed him!" Yes, we are His fellow-workers, his partners. Let us cooperate with Him as witnesses.

When the Palestine Broadcasting Station was opened on March 30, 1936, the first words—spoken in Hebrew, Arabic and English—were: "This is Jerusalem calling". Jerusalem is still calling. Almost we can hear the psalmist as he cries, "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!" Today we hear the call for the needs of the world. A call that comes in every language and tongue of a world seemingly gone mad, a world lost in darkness and distress. But above the noise of battle and strife, we hear the voice of the Master as He says: "Follow thou Me, I am the light of the world. He that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life. Ye are My witnesses unto the uttermost parts of the earth". Listen! Jerusalem is calling. Our Jerusalem is where we are. There are needs all around us which need our best. We can pray, give and be our best, beginning at Jerusalem and going to the uttermost parts of the earth.—Mrs. E. A. Elmore, D. C.

Mission Study

Southwide Chairman: Mrs. Una R. Lawrence, Mo.

The THREE "LOOKS" in the ADVANCED COURSE

Mrs. E. E. Steele, Georgia W.M.U. Mission Study Chairman

IN this busy world of today there are so many activities that there is no time for any undertaking that does not make a specific contribution to a person's life. Especially should this be true of a Christian.

The W.M.S. members that have already completed Certificate Courses I and II have realized that, next to the Bible, books on world missions shed more light into their lives than any other type of book. William Stidger says: "Books are like windows in a tower, they let light in". Thinking Christians realize that there is a vital connection between missions and world peace, economic conditions and race relationships. And for that reason they want all the light that is possible for them to have, because the brighter their light the clearer are the needs of others. For these, the Advanced Course is especially designed. Their horizon will be pushed back where they can see the needs of the entire world. This course is three searching looks at the world today.

The first look, which calls for quiet meditation and reflection, is a "look-in" to one's own life and activities. There will be many questions to answer, questions that pierce the mind and heart as you read and reread certain pages and paragraphs you have marked in *Thy Kingdom Come—But Not Now* by Slatery, *Out of My Life and Thought* by Schweitzer, and *Kagawa* by Asling.

The second look—"look-up"—comes with compelling force as you study carefully *Missions in the Plan of the Ages* by Carver. As you look up in faith, once again you will feel the spiritual and missionary impact of John 3:16 and will realize anew that mission work is God's method of making His desire for all nations come true and that missions is "God's way of fulfilling His eternal promise to His Son". This look-up will stimulate a desire to do something for Him and that desire will deepen as you read *I Have Seen God Do It* by Eddy. Its challenging testimony to what God has done through men will encourage you to say: "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?"

When a Christian can truly say: "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" that Christian is ready for the third look—"look-out"—and see the world as Jesus sees it—a world whose people are scattered as sheep without a shepherd, a world that is torn by war and strife, a world whose heart is bleeding, a world whose economic, social, material and spiritual needs are staggering.

As acute as all these needs are, after reading such books as *Europe and the Gospel* by Gill, *Religions in the Republic of Mexico* by Carmargo and Grubb, and *Latin America, Its Place in World-Life* by Inman, one is keenly aware that the world's greatest need is spiritual.

The world needs Jesus Christ—what are you doing to give the world Jesus? Get ready for the Advanced Course and undertake it enthusiastically for the new vision you will get through these three looks: **look-in** to your own heart; **look-up** at God's power; **look-out** at the needs of the world.

For Studying the Book

"SIGNS of the TIMES"

Mrs. Wm. McMurry of Tenn. offers following ideas:

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In General to the Teacher:

Aim: To set forth present-day world-wide conditions; to challenge the class with the American phase of these problems as southern Baptist home mission task; to show that God-called men and women are helping to find the answers.

Setting: The title of the book suggests a gypsy custom which may be used effectively for this study. When a band strikes camp, members leave signs in the form of stones or sticks arranged in patterns in hidden spots to indicate to other bands passing along the way what to expect, such as a friendly or unfriendly townspeople or good water near.

On the classroom floor or stage outline a road with rocks, pieces of bricks or shells. A little gravel may be scattered over the surface. Indoor landscaping can be used to line effect in making the road more real. Low, medium size signs made of cardboard and tacked to a strip of wood may be placed along the road. Use a different set each session. Near these sign-boards are hidden the letters K, A, O, S (*Chaos*) made double in an upright position so that they can be hung over a string stretched at the back of the road.

Sessions: The material can be grouped under four headings: I. Signs of the Times; II. Our Battle; III. The Way Out; IV. God's Witnesses. In the first three chapters there is enough material to provide three sessions, but it can be considered primarily under two headings, I and II. The local situation will have to determine the number of sessions.

Discussion Topics

Is peace-time military conscription a step toward totalitarianism? Should the United States feed Europe's starving, innocent people? Which is of most importance to "hemisphere defense": political cooperation, economic collaboration, cultural relationships, Christian missions? Was the appointment of Myron Taylor to the Vatican a violation of U. S. constitution? Is there any relationship between political decay and the collapse of the home? What is "the American way of life"? Do you know what is meant by the *deity* of Christ and do you believe in it?

Session I. Chapters 1 and 3

Suggestions for Sign-boards: Print in red ink the following words, one to each cardboard: Danger! Stop! Think! Wo! Underneath the first word arrange pictures of planes, tanks, soldiers etc. On the second, draw a large dollar-mark. Paste on the third pictures of whisky-advertisement, couples dancing, theatrical notices etc. Draw a broken and disfigured cross on the fourth.

Assign sections II, III, IV and V in chapter 1 to members who have been carefully selected. Add to this material parallel references in chapter 3. Before the member discusses her sign, she finds her letter on the highway and hangs it in place. Let this word remain for all sessions. The introduction and section I may be handled by the teacher.

Session II. Chapter 2

Sign-board Suggestions: 1. Find a picture of Uncle Sam. Paste in center of cardboard. Arrange around him scraps of newspapers, pieces of book-jackets, pictures of radios. Between these pictures print the words: Hate, Fear, Intolerance, Brutality, Lies.

2. Paste a map of the United States on cardboard. Make five swords or daggers out of stiff paper. Print on each the key-word in divisions A, B, C, D and E in section II. "Stick" these swords into different sections of the map.

3. Print the word "Americanism" in green. Conclude session with the story of Irving Berlin. Unannounced, soloist sings "God Bless America". Display the flag during the feature. Handle material by lecture, assignments, discussion and question-and-answer method.

Session III. Chapters 3 and 4

Sign-board Suggestions: Break up into three parts II Chronicles 7:14 and print on three

sign-boards. On a fourth sign-board draw or paste a large heart. Print in the center the word "Christ".

Review man-made solutions in chapter 3. Question-and-answer method may be used. The heart of chapter 4 and section IV in chapter 3 may be stated by the teacher. Cull from other chapters material related to the session theme, "The Way Out". Discuss the processes of coming back to God as indicated on sign-boards.

Session IV. Chapter 5

Suggestions for Chapter Presentation: 1—Print on separate sign-boards the name of each race discussed. 2—Use a series of living pictures to illustrate high points in the recorded experiences of the missionaries. 3—A conference in imitation of Ridgecrest, members impersonating the missionaries being gathered around a table; the teacher opens the discussion by drawing clearly the issues, the choice facing Christians; each worker is asked to state his problem and to offer a solution (pp. 111-122). 4—Lecture, impersonation and dramatization (*the Indian*) might well be used.

Book Reviews

Miss Willie Jean Stewart, Tennessee

SIGNS of the TIMES: Edited by Una Roberts Lawrence; S.B.C. Home Mission Board, Atlanta, 1941; Pages 126; Price 35c

NO reader of newspapers or listener to the radio can be ignorant of the dark and confusing conditions which confront the world of today. Consequently, there is little in the picture of the times presented in this book which is not already well known to those who try to keep up with what is going on in the world. Nevertheless, the book has a real contribution to make in certain very practical suggestions as to changes in the point of view and in attitudes which Christians themselves need to make as they face "the signs of the times".

The book is a symposium of five chapters written by Ellis A. Fuller (*president*), Una Roberts Lawrence (*mission study editor*) and J. F. Plainfield (*long-time missionary*) of the

Home Mission Board and by Lawson H. Cook (*secretary*) of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South. As is inevitable in such multiple authorship, there is wide variation in style and in grasp of the problems discussed, as well as considerable repetition. There is also the usual lack of suggestion as to how Christians as individuals and in their organized capacities may go about making their principles practically effective in dealing with materialism and unleashed force. Perhaps, though, it is too much to ask of these writers what no one else seems to have discovered. At least their suggestions for individual thinking and heart-searching are definite and stimulating; and the note of optimism they strike in forecasting the final victory of Christ is most heartening. (See also page 12.)

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

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

GETTING THE MOST OUT OF THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSION

THE Bush Library at our Training School buzzed with animated conversation over the value and results of the National Christian Mission held in Louisville, January 19-26. Students from the Southern Baptist Seminary and the Presbyterian Seminary precariously balanced teacups on their knees and earnestly discussed with their hostesses at the Training School the National Christian Mission as a form of evangelism, the attitude of the Mission speakers toward the church and social problems, the church and war and other vital questions that are before us these days. Some of us found ourselves thinking it was good to be in America when an enthusiastic young minister or religious worker would beg to disagree with our distinguished guest-speakers on some issue. There are few countries in the world today where such a discussion could have been held, and we are profoundly grateful to God for trusting us with the priceless gift of free thought and free speech on religious matters.

Surely young people in Louisville have rarely had such stimulating food for thought about Christ in our lives and in our world as was given us during the Mission by such speakers as Dr. E. Stanley Jones, missionary to India; Miss Muriel Lester, founder of Kingsley Hall in London, England; Dr. W. S. Abernethy, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church of Washington, D. C.; and thirty other prominent religious leaders and ministers. The week was opened with a great mass meeting attended by about five thousand people who were thrilled by Dr. Jones' message, "Is the Kingdom of God Realism?" The Training School chorus, led by Miss Claudia Edwards, sang "The Lord's Prayer" by Forsythe at this meeting. Each day thereafter Training School girls were able to attend women's forums, noonday services, evening mass meetings and seminars on vital Christian topics.

On Tuesday evening Mrs. W. F. Rothenburger of Indianapolis spoke in our Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial Chapel, challenging us to face the "World of Tomorrow". Our prayer-meeting on Wednesday was conducted by Mrs. Bradford S. Abernethy, minister's wife in Columbia, Missouri, who in her unique and delightful way dared young people to be willing to sacrifice for the cause of Christ in our world. Miss Muriel Lester was guest at the school on Thursday evening and we were thrilled by the sincerity of the message and charm of the personality of this English woman who has done such a remarkable work in carrying Christ to the slums of London through Kingsley Hall and to thousands of others through her books. She left behind her a new realization of the true meaning of the first two words of the Lord's Prayer, "Our Father". Indeed during these days we were led to forget for a time the lines of race, color and denomination and look through the eyes of citizens of the Kingdom of God at our world and our Christ. The program of the National Christian Mission gave new encouragement to the people of Louisville and those of us who are students here in the conviction that "the only hope of humanity for the preservation and progress of righteousness, peace and justice is the Christian faith".

The Training School is constantly presenting opportunities to its students to hear and know great Christian missionaries and leaders. This was another such opportunity, the value of which only our Lord can really estimate.—Miss Elizabeth-Anne Campbell, Va.

Calendar of Prayer

April, 1941

Prepared by Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona

HEAR Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our feverish ways—
Reclothe us in our rightful minds, in purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper reverence praise.
In simple trust, like theirs who heard beside the Syrian Sea
The gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow Thee

—John Greenleaf Whittier

1—TUESDAY

Annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union of Mississippi, McComb, April 1-3; also annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union of Nigeria

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made Heaven and earth.—Psa. 124:8

2—WEDNESDAY

Annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union of Missouri, St. Louis, April 1-4
The God of Israel is He that giveth strength and power unto His people.—Psa. 68:35

3—THURSDAY

Annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union of Illinois, DuQuoin, April 1-4
Teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs
—Col. 3:16

4—FRIDAY

Misses M. F. Catharine Bryan, Elizabeth Hale, Shanghai, 10th Lea, Kailang, China, evangelistic-educational workers
Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe.—Jes. 3:13

5—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Craighead, Cernauti, Rumania; also Albert B. Craighead, Margaret Fund student
In nothing be anxious.—Phil. 4:6

6—SUNDAY

Mrs. E. A. Nelson, emerita missionary from Brazil, Dr. and Mrs. E. Gill, emerita missionaries from Europe
No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.—Psa. 84:11

7—MONDAY

Miss Cecile Lancaster, Tokyo, IxMts Naomi Schell, Tobata, Japan, educational workers; also Paulina Medling, daughter of former missionaries to Japan, Margaret Fund student
There is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few.—1 Sam. 14:6

8—TUESDAY

Annual meetings of Woman's Missionary Union of: Arkansas, Hot Springs; South Carolina, Spartanburg, April 8-10
Let such as love Thy salvation say continually: The Lord be magnified!
—Psa. 40:16

9—WEDNESDAY

Annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union of Kentucky, Ashland, April 7-10
Be of good courage and He shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.
—Psa. 31:24

10—THURSDAY

Dr. C. E. Maddy, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, all secretaries and state Board members working with Mrs.
Be strengthened in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.—II Tim. 2:1

11—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. H. Coudib, Regla, Dr. and Mrs. A. T. Bequer, Aguacate, Miss Christine Garrett, Conalacion del Sur, Cuba, evangelistic workers; also Angel and Leonor Bequer, Margaret Fund students
Lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid.—Isa. 40:9

12—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. G. B. Mizim, Brownsville, Rev. and Mrs. D. Delgado, Eagle Pass, Texas, evangelistic workers among Mexicans
That your grace may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment.—Phil. 1:9

13—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Marriott, Miss Mary Moorman, emerita missionaries from China; also Cora May Marriott, Margaret Fund student
The righteous Lord loveth righteousness: His countenance doth behold the righteous.—Psa. 31:7

14—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Bowdler, Cipeletti, Rev. and Mrs. M. S. Blair, Buenos Aires, Argentina, evangelistic workers; also George and William G. Bowdler, Margaret Fund students
They made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this Child.
—Luke 2:17

Calendar of Prayer for April

15—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Harrison, educational workers, ex-Rev. and Mrs. L. L. Johnson, evangelistic workers, Rediff, Brazil; also Jodi and William Carey Johnson, Margaret Fund students
Both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.—John 4:36

16—WEDNESDAY

Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Carson, evangelistic workers, Sapala, Dr. and Mrs. R. U. Northrip, medical workers, Oghomoso, Nigeria

My Spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not.—Hag. 2:5

17—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Olive, evangelistic-educational workers, Chinkiang, Miss Sallie James, medical worker, Yangchow, China; also Howard K. Olive, Margaret Fund student

The Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.—Rom. 8:26

18—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Crouch, Rev. B. Foreman, evangelistic workers, Corrente, Brazil; also Margaret Crouch, Margaret Fund student

Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.—II Chron. 14:10

19—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. M. A. Callero, Sagua la Grande, Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Greco, Arroyo Apolo, Cuba, evangelistic workers; also Anabel Callero, Margaret Fund student

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.—II Cor. 3:17

20—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Lawton, Miss Blanche Rose Walker, emerita missionaries from China

Grace be unto you and peace from Him which is and which was and which is to come!—Rev. 1:4

21—MONDAY

Rev. T. O. Lee, Richmond, Va., Rev. T. O. Chappelle, Langston, Okla., Rev. and Mrs. C. E. McFadden, Selma, Ala., evangelistic workers to their own Negro race
The supplication of a righteous man availeth much in his working.—Jas. 5:16

22—TUESDAY

Annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia, Lynchburg, April 22-24
There is gold and a multitude of rubies; but the tips of knowledge are a precious jewel.—Prov. 20:15

23—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Brantley, Mrs. L. O. Colay, Rescue Mission workers, New Orleans, La.

Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days.—Ecc. 11:1

24—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Westbrook, Miss Rose Marlowe and Florence Thford, educational workers, Shanghai, China
By faith ye stand.—II Cor. 1:24

25—FRIDAY

Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Taylor, Mrs. C. A. Baker, evangelistic workers, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; also Alfred B. Taylor, Margaret Fund student

The children of Thy servants shall continue and their seed shall be established before Thee.—Psa. 102:28

26—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. McGavock, evangelistic workers, Rev. and Mrs. E. C. McConnell, educational workers, Santiago, Cuba

Have thou faith? Have it to thyself before God.—Rom. 14:22

27—SUNDAY

That the Holy Spirit may guide in preparation for the annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, S.B.C., May 12-14, Birmingham, Alabama

Now He, which establisheth us with you in Christ and anointed us, in God.—II Cor. 1:21

28—MONDAY

Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Williams, Miss Hannah F. Selmer and Little Mac Hendley, educational workers, Shanghai, China; also Daniel S. Williams, Margaret Fund student

The Lord on high is mightier than the voice of many waters.—Psa. 93:4

29—TUESDAY

Annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union of Cuba
The seal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.—Isa. 9:7

30—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Carroll, Rev. C. Ybarra, educational workers, Baños, Yucatan
He that winneth souls is wise.—Prov. 11:30

Attended W.M.U. Training School
Attended Southwestern Training School
Attended Baptist Bible Institute
Former Margaret Fund Student
On Furlough

Bible Study

Elba Broadus Robertson, Kentucky

SOME PSALMS for TODAY

Psalms 10—A Resurrection Psalm

THIS psalm is so connected in our minds with Peter's quoting it on the Day of Pentecost that it is hard for us to realize that David or any other writer could have had the blissful experience described in it—so vivid a consciousness of God and His goodness as to know that such communion pledges an endless life. So Tennyson cries in the Prologue to *"In Memoriam"*: "Thou madest man, he knows not why; he thinks he was not made to die!" This is surely one of the psalms Jesus loved best. Its rapture of love to God was just His very breath. A recent poet longed to hold in his hand the saw or the hammer Jesus used in the carpenter's shop in Nazareth. Here is something better. We can learn this psalm by heart and know we are "thinking His thoughts after Him".

Verse 4. A Jewish commentator quotes David's words to Saul: (see I Sam. 26:17-19). David learned from his hard experiences beautiful lessons of faith and patience and exultation in God. Dr. Carver said once: "If God denies your prayer, He will give you something better—He will give you Himself". So here David is glorying in what he has learned about God. Do you remember in *"The Story of a Short Life"* the little lame boy who was studying his family motto as carved over the fireplace, "*Laetus sorte mea*"—"Happy in my lot"—and how his father went to the organ and improvised a setting for the verse: "The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places, yea, I have a goodly heritage", and then how the child sang it with him? David, driven from home, his promised kingdom dim in the future, takes the Lord for his inheritance and sings contentedly of his lot. He is willing to be led, thankful for guidance, steady as a rock.

Three men in the psalms use the phrase, "I shall not be moved". One (Ps. 10) is proud, selfish and cruel and boasts that nothing will catch him, that God doesn't even see him. One (Ps. 30:6) trusted in riches for a little while but learned better when they failed him. But here (Ps. 16) is the true courage of one who looks to God and honors Him in his heart.

Then comes the glimpse of a future life, to us more than a glimpse. "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so those also who sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him". Alice Freeman Palmer expressed it for us in *"The Butterfly"*:

"I hold you at last in my hand,
Exquisite child of the air;
Can I ever understand
How you grew to be so fair?"

"Now I hold you fast in my hand
You marvelous butterfly,
Till you help me understand
The eternal mystery."

"You came to this linden tree
To taste its delicious sweet,
I sitting here in the shadow and shine
Playing around its feet."

"From that creeping thing in the dust,
To this shining bliss in the blue—
God give me courage to trust
I can break my chrysalis too!"

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 1941.

TOPIC: An Urgent Gospel—Challenge to True Discipleship

"Persecuted but Not Forsaken"

1st Day—II Cor. 4:8-10; Acts 1:1-12
2nd Day—II Cor. 4:13-18; John 16:7-15
3rd Day—John 15:18-27; I Cor. 12:1-12
4th Day—Rom. 5:1-11; Isa. 44:1-8
5th Day—Rom. 6:1-12; John 15:20-27
6th Day—II Tim. 1:1-14; Eph. 6:10-18
7th Day—II Tim. 4:1-8; Matt. 28:1-6

"If Any Man Teach Otherwise"

8th Day—John 7:11-18; Luke 24:8-12
9th Day—John 7:25-36; Luke 24:13-17
10th Day—John 8:30-32; Luke 24:18-24
11th Day—I Tim. 1:5-17; Luke 24:25-35
12th Day—I Tim. 2:1-8; I Cor. 15:50-58
13th Day—I Tim. 6:1-10; Psa. 16:1-11
14th Day—I Tim. 6:11-21; Acts 4:5-12

"The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand"

15th Day—Matt. 10:1-7; Acts 4:13-20
16th Day—Matt. 10:24, 28-33; Dan. 3:13-18
17th Day—Matt. 13:1-11; Rom. 1:7-16
18th Day—Matt. 13:12-28; Jas. 1:12-18
19th Day—Matt. 13:24-32; Rev. 7:13-17
20th Day—Matt. 13:33-43; Rom. 10:8-11
21st Day—Matt. 13:44-58; Acts 4:32-35

"Be ye doers of the Word"

22nd Day—Isa. 1:1-12; Acts 6:1-7
23rd Day—Isa. 1:13-27; Rom. 15:1-9
24th Day—Isa. 2:14-19; Gal. 6:1-10
25th Day—Isa. 2:20-26; II Cor. 9:1-8
26th Day—Matt. 11:37-42; Isa. 41:8-16
27th Day—Matt. 25:1-13; Psa. 112:1-10
28th Day—Matt. 25:14-30; Acts 8:1-8
29th Day—Matt. 25:31-40; Acts 8:26-40
30th Day—Matt. 25:41-46; Isa. 19:18-25

"Pray Ye"

In adoration for the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Intercede for freedom from jealousy, pride, racial prejudice, callousness to world-wide strife and suffering and sin.

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

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

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

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Circle Program



EXPLANATORY NOTE: Having been started with the January issue, this is still a *new department* of the magazine. Its purpose is at least threefold: (1) to furnish *distinctive material for the circle's program*; (2) to encourage the society to present at its regular monthly missionary meeting the program material as supplied each month in this magazine in line with the month's missionary topic (pages 22-30); (3) to increase greatly the circulation and use of the periodicals of S.B.C. Foreign and Home Mission Boards—*The Commission** and *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.† Each circle is urged to make available for its program participants these two monthly magazines as referred to in the following program outline. (See also page 39 of 1941 W.M.U. Year Book.)

CIRCLE PROGRAM TOPIC: HOME MISSIONS

"Cuba for Christ"

Devotional: Salome—Matt. 20:20-28

(See also April issue of *The Commission** for devotional thoughts.)

Story of Home Mission Faith (Select story from April issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.†)

Story of Home Mission Hope (Select story from April issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.†)

Story of Foreign Mission Love (Select story from April issue of *The Commission*.*)

Discussion: Reasons for Enlarging S.B.C. Home Mission Board Work in Cuba and Canal Zone and Southland (Select arguments from articles in April issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.†)

Two Best Stories—(Have circle's program committee select with great care the best story in April issue of *The Commission** and the best story in April issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.† Assign these stories to well qualified members; ask all other participants on program not to use those two stories.)

*Subscribe at 50c a year from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

†Subscribe at 25c a year from Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

Business Women's Circles

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WITH the upheaval of the world there has come also an upheaval in the ideals and principles to which Christians once clung for security and peace. The ways of Christ are replaced by the ways of the world. The hundreds of women in the business-world and those who enter this year will be constantly faced with the problem of a choice between Christ and the world.

Poster Suggestion—Secure a picture of a group of people around a conference table. Place this at the center of the poster-board and above it three large question-marks. At the top of each of the question-marks place a liquor-ad, an ad of a gambling house and an ad for salacious literature. Print at the bottom of the poster: "Where do Christians stand on these matters?" Beneath this in smaller letters print the bible reference (*Joshua 24:15b*) and date, time and place of meeting.

Program Suggestions—Place a large table at the front of the room for a roundtable discussion. Those participating in the program will be seated at the table. Display on the table authoritative Christian literature on the problems of liquor, gambling, crime and other vices.

Introduction by Program Chairman Base introductory remarks and explanation of program on the topic, "True Discipleship" (page 22). The speaker will show the stand that business-girls must take against the evils.

The W. C. T. U.—Have a local W. C. T. U. worker discuss "The Woman's Christian Temperance Union" (page 27), its organization, function and

achievement. She will be familiar with the discussion, "Total Abstinence" (page 25). She may have salient figures on a blackboard or poster. See section, "Facts and Figures" (page 26).

"The Cost of Discipleship" (page 28). Have one member present in her discussion that it pays to be a true disciple, even in business.

The next speaker may be one who is a book-lover and should draw a comparison between the truly great books and magazines and the lewd material that clutters our news-stands. She may present suggestions or methods of guidance to lead our youth to read wholesome literature. She may inquire of local librarian on average number of books checked out during a month and make some inquiry of local news-stands of books sold during same month. This would tend to give some idea of what people are reading (see "A True Disciple Takes a Stand", page 23).

The program chairman will entertain questions or discussions from the members on any phase of the program. If the chairman feels that there will be any hesitancy on the part of the members to ask questions, she may have a question-box and have different members to draw questions from it. The questions will be arranged so that different participants on the program will be responsible for answering them. The whole program may be carried out this way through the "question and answer" method.

Prayer that our country may be spared from the evils within. The devotional topic as given in the program will be an excellent thought with which to close. (See page 17.)

Program Plans

Prepared by Miss Frances Jeffers, Ala.
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Preparation—Each person-participating should be urged to read the entire program. The program chairman should study carefully all available material in order to make suggestions to those asked to participate in the program. It may be suggested to those participating in the discussion that lengthy talks are not necessary but that a presentation of conditions and facts will stir the women into action. Postal card invitations or reminders may be mailed to the women a few days before the meeting. On these cards could be pasted small black silhouettes of churches with the words, "A Challenge to True Discipleship", and the time and place of the meeting printed beside.

Presentation—On a light blue card-board or paper draw with black ink a road beginning at the left-hand side of the bottom of the sheet and extending up almost middle way and across to the right side of the sheet. On this road draw or paste figures of people, all of whom are facing or traveling toward the center. At the bottom of the poster print the words of the program theme. The person who discusses "The True Disciple Takes a Stand" will place a silhouette or small picture of a church beside the road on the left side of the poster. The person discussing "Total Abstinence" will place on the right side a silhouette or picture of a saloon in black. The speaker of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will place a picture of an office building above that of the saloon, with the letters, "W. C. T. U.", written on it in black. The last speaker will discuss "The Cost of Discipleship". She will place in the center of the poster a gold cross large enough to have predominance and with

the words, "Follow Me", written across it. When the cross is put in place all the people on the road will be going toward it.

PROGRAM OUTLINE

Hymn—"More Like the Master"

Devotional—Psalm 16 (See suggestions, page 17.)

Prayer

Hymn—"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

Talk—"The True Disciple Takes a Stand" (page 23). This is represented by placing picture of church on the poster.)

Talk—"Total Abstinence" (page 25). A picture of a saloon is placed on the poster. White construction-paper bottles with items from "Facts and Figures", page 26, written on them may be passed out and the figures called attention to in the talk.)

Prayer that we may be rid of the evil of the liquor-traffic

Talk—"Woman's Christian Temperance Union" (page 27). This should be given, if possible, by a member of the W. C. T. U. She should place the picture of the building seeking to blot out the saloon on the poster.)

Talk—"The Cost of Discipleship" (page 28). This speaker places the emblem of the cross in the center of the poster, thus making all the figures appear to be walking toward the cross. This discussion should be made a real challenge.)

Hymn—"My Soul, Be on Thy Guard"

Prayer that we may, as true disciples, stand against all the world's evil forces and hear the call of Christ to follow Him

Program Material

Mrs. C. D. Creasman, Tennessee

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

Topic for MONTH: An Urgent Gospel—Challenge to True Discipleship

Hymn for Year: Jesus Saves

Watchword for Year: That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy salvation among all nations—*Psalm 67:2*

Bible Study—Psalm 16—A Resurrection Psalm (See also page 17.)

Prayer of thanksgiving for the resurrection of Jesus

Hymn—More Like the Master

—True Discipleship

The True Disciple Takes a Stand

Hymn—Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Total Abstinence

—Facts and Figures

Prayer that our country and the world may be rid of the evil of the liquor traffic

Woman's Christian Temperance Union

—The Cost of Discipleship

Hymn—My Soul, Be on Thy Guard

Prayer that we may, as true disciples, stand against all the world's evil forces

TRUE DISCIPLESHIP

WHEN the young Princess Victoria learned for the first time that she would some day be Queen of England she exclaimed, "Then I must be good". The consciousness of great responsibility challenged her to personal righteousness. As we think of conditions in the world today and realize the urgency of speeding with the Gospel message to all nations we are faced with the challenge to true discipleship and find ourselves saying in our own hearts: "We must be good. We must be true. We must live up to Christian standards of personal righteousness. We must stand against all things that are wrong and for all things that are right".

Nothing so impedes the speed of the Gospel as the compromising lives of Christian people and nothing so speeds the Gospel as the Christlike living of those who are God's representatives on earth. Demonstration is always more powerful than argument. Actions al-

ways speak louder than words. The Christian message coming from people whose lives are not right cannot reach the hearts of the lost. A Hindu once said to a Christian: "Your Christ is wonderful. I like Him but I have not seen many Christian people like Him". Christians who would win the world to Jesus must be like Him.

Of course we realize that the inconsistency of Christians is a great hindrance to winning people near at hand. What we need to know is that the nations are so close together that how we live affects the speed of the Gospel everywhere. "The whole world is a whispering gallery and all nations are listening in". Because America is considered a Christian nation pagan nations judge Christianity by what happens here. When we repealed the prohibition amendment, when we tolerate all forms of gambling and social vices, when our crime record mounts higher and higher every year, other nations say, "We do not want such Christianity as that".

The life of America is the sum total of the lives of the American people. Each of us is responsible for our part of America. Each one either adds to or subtracts from the Christian influence of our country, both among her own people and among the nations of the world. Surely this is a challenge to true discipleship. We must live consistent Christian lives that our Christian witness may be powerful and that the Gospel may be speeded.

A missionary was telling the story of Jesus in a heathen village. The listeners broke in on the story exclaiming, "We knew Him. He once lived here". The missionary tried to explain that Jesus could never have been in that village, that He had lived only in Palestine and that over nineteen hundred years before. "Oh yes, He did live here", they contended. "He is buried on our own hillside". Then the missionary learned that another missionary had been there so much like Jesus that when the story of Jesus was told they thought they recognized in Him the man whom they had known and loved. That is the kind of discipleship needed to speed the Gospel. When Christians are like Jesus, others want their Christianity. As we enter into the consideration of this program on the topic, "Challenge to True Discipleship", may the prayer in each of our hearts be—

"Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me,
All His wonderful passion and purity.
Oh Thou Spirit Divine,
All my nature refine,
Till the beauty of Jesus be seen in me".

The TRUE DISCIPLE TAKES a STAND

A TRUE disciple must take a stand against all the forces of evil. He must have convictions about right and wrong and the strength to express them. He must recognize the power of the world, the flesh and the devil and must fight these evils with all the strength of his Christian convictions. One trouble with the

world today is the weak-kneed, wishy-washy attitude of Christians toward sin. Christians who never stand for anything have little power to win others to Christianity.

Against Gambling—As true disciples we must take a stand against gambling. It is estimated that American people spend at least seven billion dollars each year on some form of gambling. This is more than fifty dollars each for every man, woman and child in the United States. Some gamble on horse-races, some on ball-games, some on card-games and some on lotteries of different kinds. How we ought to abstain from every appearance of this seductive vice! Do we ever use slot-machines found in many places of business? If so, we are gambling. Do we buy "chances" on things to be raffled off? If so, we are gamblers. Whenever we spend our money, not getting its value in any commodity, but hoping to get far more than its value at somebody else's expense, we are gamblers.

It is said that twenty-nine per cent of the American people gamble more or less regularly on some church lottery—mainly under Roman Catholic auspices. This seems terrible to us but we must acknowledge that women in Baptist churches have been known to raffle off cakes, quilts and other commodities to make money for "the Lord's work". So does Satan deceive and make this diabolical evil appear as an angel of light.

A great gambling danger-point for women is the card-game. Of course one can play cards without gambling but all too often a card-party means a gambling party for it is gambling whether the stakes are pennies, dollars or prizes. And even when a game is played with no money or prizes at stake, cards are so closely associated with gambling that it is a safe plan for the Christian to leave them absolutely alone.

Against Crime—Fifty years ago the United States was the most law-abiding nation in the world. Now it is the most lawless. "Last year 1,500,000

serious crimes were committed—crimes such as murder, manslaughter, rape, robbery and burglary and 13,000,000 lesser crimes such as fraud, forgeries, embezzlements and assaults. Every 22 seconds a serious crime is committed and every 45 minutes somebody is murdered. The cost of crime in the United States is now over \$15,000,000,000 annually.

As true disciples we must do all in our power to allay the crime wave in our country. We ourselves must obey all laws and must support all agencies that exist for law-enforcement. We must take a courageous stand against all places of vice in our communities. We must vote for public officers who we have reason to believe will enforce law. But always we must remember that the best antidote for criminality is Christianity. The best way to fight crime is to bring as many people as possible into personal contact with Jesus Christ and then into the membership of our churches. Christians, faithfully serving Jesus in the churches, do not become criminals.

Against Salacious Literature—Few things, if any, influence the character of people more than what they read. Therefore, as true disciples we should take a firm stand against "the steady flow of salacious, vicious and corrupting streams of literature both periodical and permanent that flood the news-stands and find their way into the homes of our people and into the hands of impetuous and impressionable youth. Nothing could be more blighting to character or corrupting to morals". It is said that there are 150 nationally distributed periodicals which reek with frankly objectionable material. In some localities these magazines constitute from one-fourth to one-half of the news-stand sales. There can be no doubt about the influence of such literature on the morals of our young people. It is without question one of the causes of the prevalence of crime in our land. J. Edgar Hoover says: "The publication and distribution of salacious material is a peculiarly vicious evil; the destruction of moral

character caused by it among young people cannot be overestimated. The circulation of periodicals containing such material plays an important part in the development of crime among the youth of our country". K. P. Aldrich, chief inspector of the post-office department, says: "The present flood of filthy publications is greatly responsible for the increase in sex crimes and furnishes an important motivation to youthful offenders".

There are many things which we can do to combat this evil. A recent issue of the *Readers' Digest* gives an article telling how the citizens and public officers of certain communities have cooperated in a campaign against salacious literature with such success that the news-stands have been practically freed from this menace. We can do the same thing in our own communities if we try.

One way in which we can all fight this evil is by providing for our own young people plenty of good literature. If we create in them a taste for the best reading and then provide the best reading matter for them they will not be found buying and reading the filthy magazines and novels so dangerous to their character. Every Baptist church should have a library full of good reading matter for its members. Every Baptist home should provide for the children not only the best of secular literature—fiction, history, travel, poetry, books on science, nature etc.—but also Bible stories, missionary books and our denominational periodicals. *World Comrades* and *The Window of Y.W.A.* are as attractive as any secular magazines and will charm any young people for whom they are provided. *The Commission* and *Southern Baptist Home Missions*, the publications of our Foreign and Home Mission Boards, provide reading matter to interest every member of the family. These, the state denominational paper and the splendid periodical publications of our Baptist Sunday School Board should be a part of the good current literature in every Baptist home.

TOTAL ABSTINENCE

THE true disciple of Jesus Christ must stand absolutely against the liquor traffic which means that he must be a total abstainer himself and must use his influence to see that others realize the importance of total abstinence. Since the repeal of the eighteenth amendment there has been such a change in the attitude of the people toward liquor and such an increase in the amount of alcoholic drinks consumed that we need to take heed lest our own attitude toward this monstrous human curse be changed. We must still see alcohol as a great destroyer of human life, a great menace to human morals and a great enemy to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The word "alcohol" is derived from an Arabic word meaning "evil spirit". Surely it is an evil spirit that has killed more people than all the wars in history and has brought more disease, more poverty, more disaster and more heartaches than any other one thing in all the world.

It was once thought that alcohol was a stimulant but it has been found that instead it is an "irritant, narcotic, depressant drug, classed along with chloroform, opium, morphine and ether". Science says: "The effect of alcohol is wholly that of a depressant, making less active the powers of the nervous system and also the important functions of digestion, liver, heart and blood vessels. The most delicate mental powers—judgment, caution and control—are the first impaired".

Moreover, alcohol is habit-forming. "Alcohol makes its own repeat orders". One drink calls for another until self-control is lost and a man becomes the slave of his appetite.

Some years ago Lillian Russell, whose name at that time was a synonym for good looks, described the effects of alcohol on personal appearance by declaring that "drink will disfigure the face with pimples and blotches, glaze the eyes with a criss-cross of fiery blood-vessels, paint the nose an unlovely rose, make the

cheeks pallid, write dark circles under the eyes and will do a few other things besides inflicting upon the guilty ones such unimportant consequences as indigestion, headaches, biliousness, Bright's disease, nervousness, bad temper, loss of common sense, loss of power to work efficiently, loss of friends, family and happiness". As we read this and realize its truth, we wonder why anybody is foolish enough to drink the stuff!

A terrible effect of drink today is seen in the number of automobile accidents due to drinking drivers. Since repeal automobile accidents in the United States have increased in the same proportion as liquor sales have increased. It is estimated that at least sixty per cent of all accidents are caused by liquor. Gasoline and drink do not mix.

One thing the world needs to learn with increasing conviction is the harm in a little drink. The liquor forces are deceiving millions of people—even some Christians—by making them believe that it is safe to drink so long as too much is not taken. Not temperance or moderation but abstinence is the word which we must apply to the use of drink. One hundred years ago it was thought, "He is not drunk who is on the floor and rises again and asks for more". Today we have learned better than that. We know that the first drink makes a man one drink drunk and after that his drunkenness is in proportion to the amount he drinks. We know that there is great danger in beer and wines. "Science gives the indisputable evidence that alcohol even in moderate amounts is harmful physically and mentally and experience shows it to be harmful morally".

Many eminent scientists have expressed themselves on the harm of a little drinking:

Dr. Robert Koppe, one of the best known physicians of Europe says, "The abuses of alcohol commence with its use".

Dr. Victor Horsley, the eminent British surgeon declares, "In reality we have

no proof that a minimum and permissible dose of alcohol exists".

"Alcohol, even in small quantities, perverts the judgment and weakens self-control", says Dr. Ritchie of Edinburgh.

A French government poster bears these words: "The continued use of alcohol, whether in the form of beer, wine or spirits, even though not to the extent of drunkenness, leads to chronic poisoning".

The fallacy that a little drink doesn't make a drunkard is responsible for most of the highway accidents caused by drink. It isn't the staggering or the dead-drunk man who is the danger behind the steering wheel, for usually either his friends or the officers of the law prevent his driving in that condition. The man who has the automobile accident is he whose glass of beer has had no effect on his outward appearance but nevertheless has confused his judgment of distance, color, signals and sense of speed. Not wobbly legs but a staggering brain is the menace of the highway.

The following story taken from "Alcohol and the Christian Life" by Deeds Pickett shows what a little alcohol can do to a man. "A brilliant man, prominent in the public life of Wisconsin, recently started from Madison to Milwaukee at nine in the evening. On the way, he stopped and drank two bottles of beer. There is no dispute as to the quantity. Entering Milwaukee, he side-swiped a car, ran down and killed a man, then drove madly through the streets,

ignoring red lights and endangering scores of lives. Today he is in terrible trouble and Wisconsin is deprived of a gifted leader. He was a good man, an intelligent man, plus two bottles of beer—just two bottles".

In the face of these facts, proving the danger of even a small amount of alcohol, the true Christian discipleship demands absolute, total abstinence. That means no drinking of cocktails. That means no whiskey taken even for medicinal purposes, because doctors have found that this is neither necessary nor beneficial. That means no pouring of wine into or over our Christmas fruit-cakes, no "spiking" of the punch at our parties, no whiskey used to "flavor" our boiled custard—none of these sometimes considered "harmless" things whereby Christian people are snared into tampering with this evil spirit, alcohol. Total abstinence must be our stand on this subject. Any other stand is dangerous, sinful and not Christian.

FACTS and FIGURES

PERHAPS never before has there been such a need for a firm stand and a strong fight against the liquor-business. We are beginning to realize that all the forces of this evil are upon us again with even more diabolical powers than in pre-prohibition days. Some facts and figures gleaned from the literature of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and the Anti-Saloon League and from other reliable sources reveal the seriousness of the situation.

There are 537,000 places where liquor is sold in the United States.

There is a liquor-license for every 267 people in the United States.

There are 11 saloons or liquor-selling shops for every five churches.
There is one tavern or liquor-bar for every 71 homes.

The total national drink-bill for liquor legally sold in 1939 was estimated at almost four billion dollars. This made the per capita cost of liquor for every man, woman and child, about \$25.

There are 1,325,000 bar-maids in America.

The liquor interests spend close to \$30,000,000 annually for advertising.

Since the repeal of the eighteenth amendment there have been 84 men, women and children killed every day on the highways by drinking drivers.

Liquor is related to 90 per cent of the crimes in America today.

Liquor is responsible for 55 per cent of the insanity in the United States.

Liquor is the root of 75 per cent of broken homes in America today.

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION

A CONSIDERATION of the liquor conditions of our country leads Christians to the conviction that we must do something about it; our search for the "something" which we can do leads us inevitably to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, that organization for women especially devoted to fighting the liquor business and all attendant evils in our country and throughout the world. This organization is all that its name indicates. First, it is a woman's organization, organized by women and for women to fight that evil whose afflictions fall heaviest on women and which women loathe with all the intensity of their beings. Then, it is a Christian organization founded on Christian principles, whose members look to Christ for leadership and power for the work which they believe is a part of His work. The word *temperance* in the title makes use of a word long used by those standing against strong drink, while the word *union* indicates that the organization brings together women of all churches and of all faiths, of all states and all countries, to join their forces in a combined effort for a great cause. The purpose of the organization has been defined as follows: "The Woman's Christian Temperance Union is an organization of Christian women banded together for the protection of the home, the abolition of the liquor-traffic and the triumph of Christ's Golden Rule in custom and in law".

We should be members of the W.C.T.U. because of what the organization has done in the past. We will remember that this work began with the "Wom-

an's Crusade", when back in 1874 groups of women went singing and praying into the saloons, requesting the saloon-keepers to stop selling liquor. Though this was a movement without preparation and without organization, "in fifty days it drove the liquor-traffic—horse, foot and dragoons—out of two hundred and fifty towns and villages, increased by 100 per cent the attendance at church and decreased that at the criminal court in almost like proportion". "Twenty-two states felt the tread of the women's feet and heard the voices of their most influential and respected women lifted in prayer in that day when such a thing had never been done. God heard and answered their prayers!"

Out of this movement grew the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, organized in Cleveland, Ohio, at a convention called for that purpose on November 18-20, 1874. Since then this organization has fought valiantly against the liquor-traffic and has won many victories. We know that it was largely due to the efforts of the W.C.T.U. that the eighteenth amendment was written into the U. S. Constitution. Through its "Department of Scientific Temperance Instruction" the W.C.T.U. secured the first law in all the world requiring schools to teach the effect of alcohol upon the human system. This law was enacted November, 1882, in Vermont; twenty years later every state in the Union, every territory, the District of Columbia, our military and naval academies, our Indian and Negro schools all were under these laws and every child under our flag had a legal right to knowledge of "what alcohol is and what it does". Moreover, the W.C.T.U. was an important factor in obtaining the quarter-

temperance lessons in the "International Sunday School Series" and securing the observance of "World Temperance Sunday" each year. These and other achievements too numerous to mention make this an organization worthy of our interest and support.

But not so much for what the W.C.T.U. has done in the past as for what it is doing today we should give it the support of our membership. It is still the great organization for Christian women fighting what is still a great evil, threatening the safety of our homes and our country.

Today there are ten thousand local organizations of the W.C.T.U. known as "Unions". Then there is a National W.C.T.U. of the United States, organized in every state, territory and dependency, including the District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the Philippines. There is a World W.C.T.U. which federates the organizations of fifty different countries. The work is carried on through twenty-one departments. It has two branches: "Youth's Temperance Council" for young people and "Loyal Temperance Legion" for boys and girls. Headquarters are maintained at Evanston, Illinois, with an executive secretary and a general secretary for each of the two young people's organizations. A Bureau of Legislation is maintained with a representative at Washington, D. C. Extensive field service is rendered by groups of women working in all parts of the country "teaching the relation of alcohol to the mental, moral, social, spiritual and physical well-being of the individual and of the nation".

Of especial value is the service of the W.C.T.U. in its literature, designed to give alcohol education from a scientific standpoint. This appeals to the intelligence of the young people and helps them to understand by scientific investigation the harmful effects of alcohol on the body and on the mind.

A woman becomes a member of the W.C.T.U. by signing the pledge of total abstinence and paying the annual mem-

bership dues of one dollar. Of this dollar a small per cent helps to support the local union; the rest is paid into the state W.C.T.U. treasury from which ten cents per member is paid into the treasury of the national organization; and from this one cent goes to the World W.C.T.U.—so each member supports the whole program of work.

By joining the W.C.T.U. we add to the membership of this organization whose work is still so much needed in our land and throughout the world. It is the number of members that gives the organization its strength in presenting its protests and urging its reforms. The liquor-people recognize the W.C.T.U. as the "voice of the church" and measure the strength of that voice largely by the strength of the membership. "The activity of the W.C.T.U. is a barometer which is scanned by the liquor-forces and which fills them with alarm".

By becoming members of the W.C.T.U. we will be taking a definite stand against liquor, will be strengthening and broadening our Christian influence and will also be helping to speed the Gospel. Missions and the temperance cause go together—they mutually help each other. So let us wear the white ribbon of the W.C.T.U. along with the lavender and white of our own W.M.U., realizing that anything we do to help rid the world of liquor will speed the spread of the Gospel and also that the spread of the Gospel will speed the doom of the liquor traffic.

The COST of DISCIPLESHIP

IT costs something to be a true disciple of Jesus Christ. The Master did not promise ease to His disciples. He said: "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me". Again He said: "Whosoever doth not bear this cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple".

The disciple who dares to stand against the forces of evil in this world will suffer for it. He who opposes the world, the flesh and the devil will find

all the powers of the world, the flesh and the devil arrayed against him. Sometimes the man who stands against liquor, gambling and other evils loses his chance at public office. Often such a stand means great financial loss to a business man. Sometimes a woman must give up social contacts that she enjoys and must bear the ridicule of those who look upon her stand for the right as prudish and old-fashioned.

Long ago Daniel dared stand for his convictions, though it meant facing the lions' den. It was said of him that "when Daniel knew that the writing was signed he went into his house (now his windows were open in his chamber toward Jerusalem); and he kneeled upon his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God as he

did aforetime". The significant thing about this is that Daniel knew that the decree was signed forbidding prayer to anyone but the king, with the lions' den as the sure punishment to all who disobeyed that decree, but this did not deter him from doing what he felt was right. The lions' den meant nothing to him when his convictions were at stake. Such a spirit also had the three Hebrew children who chose to go through the fiery furnace rather than disobey God. Such a spirit to stand for the right at any cost is what we need among Christians today. Such a spirit will win the world's admiration and respect and put wings on the Gospel message. Such a spirit we must have if we are to win the world to Christ.

In this day when the powers of evil are combining their forces to fight against everything that is right; in this day when there is such urgency for speeding the Gospel to earth's lost people; in this day when there are such opportunities for Christian people to fight against the world's wickedness; in this day when there is such a need for Christian living and Christian witnessing—then

We must be good.

We must be true to our discipleship.

We must be strong to stand against the wrong and for the right.

"We are living, we are dwelling

In a grand and awful time,

In an age on ages telling;

To be living is sublime.

Hark! the waking up of nations,

God and Magog to the fray;

Hark! what soundeth is creation

Groaning for the latter day.

"Worlds are changing, Heaven beholding;

Thou hast but an hour to fight;

Now, the blazoned cross unfolding;

On, right onward for the right!

On! let all the soul within you

For the truth's sake go abroad!

Strike! Let every nerve and sinew

Tell on ages, tell for God!"



QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. How does the urgent Gospel call for true discipleship?
2. Discuss the evil of gambling.
3. What temptations to gamble are there in our own neighborhood?
4. How may we fight the entrenched crime of our country?
5. Discuss the harm of salacious literature.
6. How may we fight salacious literature?
7. What should be the true disciple's attitude toward the liquor-traffic?
8. Tell something of the operations of the liquor-traffic today.
9. Discuss the harm of a little drinking.
10. Tell something of the history and present work of the W.C.T.U.
11. Give some reasons why we should join the W.C.T.U.
12. Discuss the cost of true discipleship.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

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

The Window of Y.W.A.	—World Comrades
The Commission	—Southern Baptist Home Missions
State Denominational Papers	
W.C.T.U. and Anti-Saloon League Literature	
Last Report of the Social Service Commission in 1940 S.B.C. Minutes	
The Amazing Story of Repeal.....	Dobyns
Alcohol and the New Age.....	Deeds Pickett
Stop-light	W. L. Potent



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WHY a W.M.S. SHOULD HELP Y.W.A.'s. to GO to Y.W.A. CAMP

Mrs. W. E. King, Wife of Pastor, Independence, Mo.

RIDGECREST! The very name itself thrills all southern Baptists. The time is drawing near when Y.W.A.'s. all over the southland will be making plans to spend their vacations at Ridgecrest in the mountains of North Carolina, June 24 to July 4, 1941.

It was my happy privilege to attend Y.W.A. Camp in 1940, to witness for myself the outstanding qualities of the entire camp program and to bear personal testimony that "no one can attend Ridgecrest Y.W.A. Camp and return home just the same person". I am sure that each of us has either heard of or experienced the spiritual as well as material advantages of this Southwide Y.W.A. Camp but how many of our Women's Missionary Societies are realizing the importance of sending their own Y.W.A. girls? Those of us who are mothers know that oftentimes our children would miss some of the best things in life if mother did not "push" a little in the right direction; surely as the mother organization of Woman's Missionary Union our responsibility to our Christian young people is no less! It is time now for each Woman's Missionary Society to formulate and put into action some very definite plan to send a Young Woman's Auxiliary member to this camp or to help her to go—supplying that very vital little "push" so often needed.

The world about us is all confusion and distress—how important it is that in this year of 1941 our girls may have the opportunity to come apart from that world into a new one, where for ten full days they may see for themselves that Christianity is practical and that it works. At the close of the camp last summer as I was bidding very reluctant good-byes and had expressed to one of the staff-members my appreciation for the happy, harmonious spirit of the entire camp she said: "Yes, and just think—the whole world could be like this if every one were really Christian!"

Nothing has been neglected in the planning of the Y.W.A. Camp program that will lead to happy, wholesome, constructive Christian living, and there is ample opportunity for the development and use of the talents of the individual girl. What a grand and glorious time she has as she literally absorbs inspiration, information and recreation!

Do you remember that old game of blindman's buff? We used to blindfold the one who was "it" and then turn her round and round till she was dizzy; then some one would take hold of her to steady her and start her in the right direction. Our young people are uncertain and confused today; let us place a loving, steadying hand on their shoulders and start them in the right direction—a gentle "push" toward Ridgecrest Y.W.A. Camp, June 24 to July 4. It will mean much to them in the development of their own "Life Beautiful".

Write your state W.M.U. young people's leader for reservation and to join her in travel to Ridgecrest. Rates: \$2 a day in Pritchett Hall; enrolment fee \$2 (one dollar being for Ridgecrest management and the other for Y.W.A. Camp registration.)

Our Young People

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

PREPARING PROPER STEWARDSHIP FOOD

Mrs. John Cunningham and Mrs. E. A. Sample, Ala.

"JOHNIE! JANE!" called Mother. "It's time to get ready for supper. I'm putting it on the table". How many times this call rings out to our children! Are we as faithful in providing spiritual food for our young people, or do we eat at God's table ourselves and fail to call our children? Our leaders have given us all the material necessary to help us teach Christian stewardship. We mothers will some day have to render account of our stewardship of the missionary education of the young people for whom we are responsible. What will that day mean to you—to me?

One reason for the debts of southern Baptists today is that we—and many before us—were not taught to be faithful stewards in our childhood. As leaders now we need to realize the vast possibilities in stewardship correctly taught. God's work will never lack needed workers if the young people are grounded in the fact that they were given their talents to glorify God and are urged to use them accordingly. A child may say, "I have no money", but what Christian child can truthfully say: "I do not have the Gospel, I cannot sing, I have no voice to pray, no heart to love, no time to visit, no talent at all to offer God in return for all the good things He has given me?"

The year round teaching of stewardship prepares for the church night stewardship program. The best talks, the good hand-work, stewardship Scriptures learned early and repeated often during the year will all be ready to be used that night. In our church in Selma, Alabama, we are following the suggestions given on pages 62-63 in the 1941 Year Book.

At our Stewardship Night last November, after the Sunbeams' Scripture verses, the Jr. G.A.'s presented "The Gift Boxes", nine girls carrying boxes of various kinds—jewel, Christmas, shoe and others—a tenth girl having a tither's box. The nine explained the fleeting good of their boxes; then the last girl emphasized the eternal value of the good accomplished by the tithe. A Y.W.A. member talked on the slogan, "A Debtless Denomination by 1945", followed by a model Jr. Royal Ambassador meeting with stewardship program. The suggestion given in October *World Comrades* for a picture-show was elaborated by the Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary. They showed in a strikingly effective way how the money paid into their church treasury is used: first, at home (pictures were shown of pastor, janitor, building in process of erection etc.); second, the church treasurer sending mission money to state headquarters; third, state work and workers and division in the state office to south-wide causes. Pictures of things Mary saw in state, home and foreign fields as she went "around the world on a dime" were better than words. Three-minute talks on stewardship were given by an Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary member and a Royal Ambassador. "When the Owner Cometh", the suggested play in which every organization from Sunbeam Band to Senior Ambassador Council was represented, vividly portrayed the principle of stewardship.

The entire program was a lesson in and demonstration of stewardship, given to a great crowd, many of whom would have had it in no other way. Is it worthwhile? Our pastor says yes. One tangible result is that during the month of January the offerings have made an all-time record in spite of rainy weather and the flu epidemic; but the greatest results, which are eternal, are unseen.

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The Negro Baptist churches of this country gained 40,029 members last year, bringing their membership up to 4,046,840. They now have 24,575 churches and 27,242 preachers.—*Watchman-Examiner*

Bacone College for Indians at Muskogee, Oklahoma, began its 60th year last fall with Indians enrolled from 15 states and representing 40 different tribes. From four tribes for the first time students are thus in attendance.—*Missions*

The following questions and answers were given when the men from Thames Minesweepers' Service were putting to sea:

Question: Are we all here?

Answer: Yes, in God's care. Amen

Question: Of what then are we afraid?

Answer: We are afraid of nothing!

"Secure from Enemy III"

RELEASED from a lingering illness Miss Zemma Hare of China went the last week in January to the Heavenly "healthful shore" where "sickness and sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more". Born in Texas she secured her B.A. from Mary-Hardin Baylor College and afterwards studied further at both the Southwestern Training School and Baptist Bible Institute. Appointed by the S.B.C. Foreign Mission Board in 1920 she went to the Interior China Mission field where she devotedly served for a score of years in evangelistic work, chiefly in primary schools and in the Shih Yu Baptist Bible Institute for women and girls in Kaifeng. In extending sympathy to her coworkers and relatives, there is also expressed deepest appreciation for her dedicated life.

Current Missionary Events

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

With the Woman's Missionary Union in all its women's societies and young people's organizations making a specific study this month of those forces of evil such as the liquor-traffic, gambling etc.—that destroy those sanctions which make for true discipleship and that undermine the moral standards of a people—the following items gathered from here and there seem apropos and should be of genuine interest and perhaps may help to contribute to the sense of urgent need in combating all such evils.

Susannah Wesley, mother of John Wesley whose preaching is said to have saved England from a bloody revolution in his day, told her boys: "Whatever weakens your reason, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God or takes off your relish for spiritual things—that is sin to you!"

From *Missions* we learn that last year the liquor-traffic had the effrontery to claim that its products possess Christian character, as just one headline will show: "The Perfect Gift—Let America's Finest Whiskey Be Your Guide". Over against that put the words of James (1:17): "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights".

Figures for the country show that since the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment seven years ago arrests for drunkenness have doubled in number. Deaths from alcoholism have increased forty-one per cent. Arrests for driving while intoxicated have increased sixty-one per cent.

Directors of the Young People's League of the Norwegian Lutheran Church in their annual conference in Minneapolis near the close of last year charged that the liquor-interests are waging an unfair war against the morals of youth through radio, newspaper, magazine and bill-board advertising. "We are alarmed", they declared, "by the widespread increase in drunkenness, not least among young American womanhood".

The *Christian Herald* of last December published a statement made by Judge Emmett Perry of the *Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court of Jefferson County, Alabama*, in which he said: "During the year 1939 the Juvenile Division of this court dealt with 1683 delinquent, neglected and dependent children. It would be difficult to find a case wherein the parent was not an excessive user of alcoholic liquors".

According to the *American Business Men's Research Foundation*, an advertising survey revealed that in some cases motion-picture producers have inserted "whiskey-drinking, cocktail 'smart-Alex', barroom scenes and such things as direct commercial tie-ups with the publicity representatives of specific makers of liquor". In this connection it is to be observed that the Roman Catholics are beginning to bestir themselves anew concerning objectionable books and movies. We are told that a new crusade is underway.

Two items that should cause Americans to blush with shame:—(1) A correspondent from Toronto, Canada, writes: "One technique used by the liquor-interests is to warn the people that Canada needs American tourists to preserve a reasonable parity in our exchange and that American tourists want liquor". (2) "In Britain's hour of need, when the British navy is operating day and night to prevent a Nazi invasion and, as many Americans believe, to serve as America's front line of defense, the liquor-traffic has the effrontery to hail the navy only as a protective guarantee for an uninterrupted flow of Scotch whiskey to American drinkers", so says one writer as he quotes the following lines from an American liquor-importer's full page advertisement: "Let us drink a toast to the British navy under whose protection we are assured a continuous flow of our whiskey from across the Atlantic!"

The Michigan Christian Youth Action Committee will work for the passage of a bill, to be introduced in both houses of the Michigan Legislature, proposing to outlaw the advertising of alcoholic beverages throughout the state.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS for

May 12-18 in

Birmingham, Ala.

WHEN southern Baptists gather in Birmingham in their annual sessions of the Woman's Missionary Union and of the Southern Baptist Convention, May 12-18 inclusive, there will not be any headquarters hotel but of course certain hotels will be used for the many different committee meetings. Accordingly the Tutwiler Hotel has graciously agreed to furnish the rooms as needed for various W.M.U. southwide committees in annual session on Monday, May 12. These committees are listed on page 1. The Tutwiler is also most generously giving the rooms for use that week by the W.M.U. president, treasurer and recording secretary.

Following is a list of eight hotels, as pictured on page 36, that have agreed with the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce upon the rates and number of rooms which each of them will offer for use May 12-18 inclusive. *Reservations as desired should be made directly with the preferred hotel.*

In addition to the eight hotels as herewith listed there are in Birmingham twenty other hotels. Likewise there are many apartment houses, lodging places and private homes in which rooms may be secured for May 12-18. Any one desiring accommodations in a home or lodging house or apartment or in one of the many smaller hotels will please write to the Chamber of Commerce, Birmingham, Alabama, stating the price and nature of room preferred. *Repeating, if any one wishes accommodations in one of the eight following hotels please write directly to the preferred hotel. (See also pages 1, 5, 36.)*

Name of Hotel	No. of Rooms	Single	Rates	
			Double	Twin Beds
Bankhead 2300 N. 5th Ave.	287	\$2.50	\$3.00 to \$4.00	\$4.50 to \$5.00
Dixie Carlton 309 N. 23rd St.	119	\$2.50	\$3.50	\$4.00 to \$5.00
Empire 2130 N. 4th Ave.	88	\$2.50 to \$3.00	\$2.50 to \$3.00	\$3.50 to \$5.00
Hillman 322 N. 19th St.	130		\$3.00	
Molton 507 N. 20th St.	135	\$2.50	\$4.00	\$5.00
Redmont 2101 N. 5th Ave.	183	\$2.50	\$4.00	\$4.50 to \$6.00
Thomas Jefferson 1631 N. 2nd Ave.	338	\$2.50	\$3.00 to \$4.50	\$5.00
Tutwiler 2005 N. 5th Ave.	450	\$2.50 to \$5.00	\$4.00 to \$7.50	\$4.50 to \$9.00

Many of the rooms as thus listed by the Tutwiler have capacity for 4 to 6 persons to the room; rates will be furnished upon request of the Tutwiler. This hotel has several suites, the rates of which will be furnished upon request, which is also true concerning suites at the Bankhead, the Redmont and the Thomas Jefferson.

The Empire Hotel has 12 double rooms without bath, price \$3 each. The Hillman has 170 rooms without bath, prices \$2 to \$3 each. The Molton has 15 rooms without bath, price \$3 each.



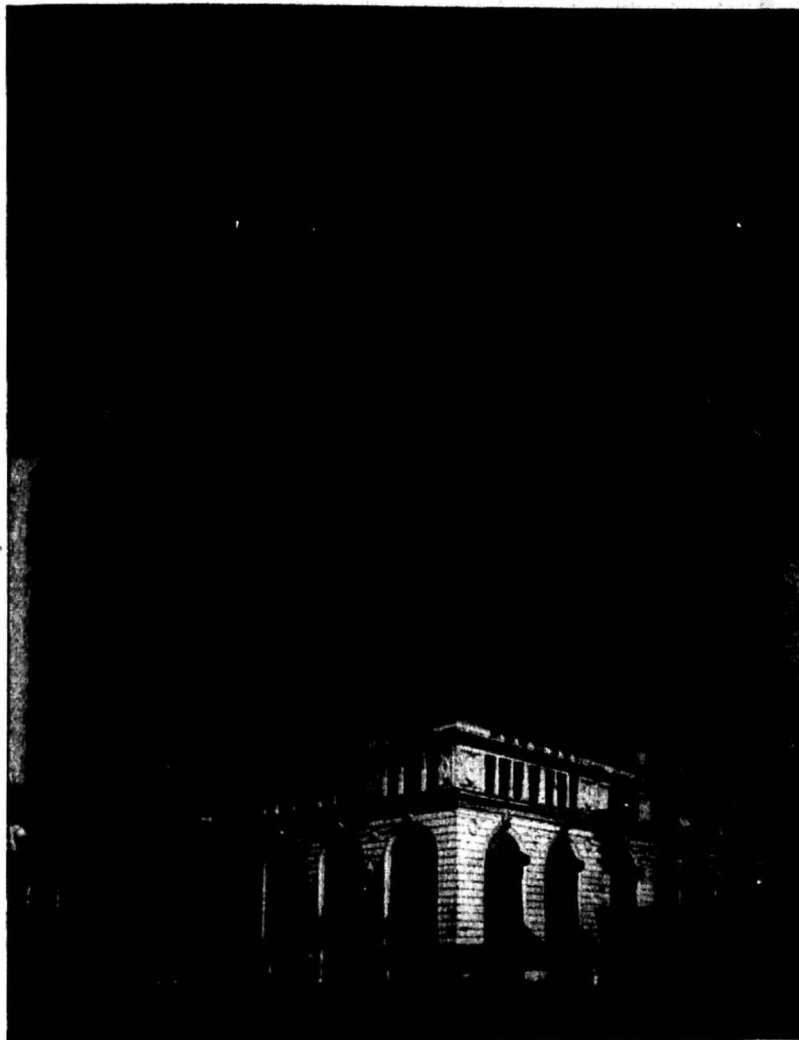
ON the inside of this page is detailed information concerning the rates and number of rooms offered by each of these hotels during the annual gathering of southern Baptists in Birmingham, May 12-18 inclusive. Those purposing to attend are requested to make prompt reservations.

Next month's issue of this magazine is to carry a picture of Birmingham's Municipal Auditorium in which the 53rd Annual Meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, will open on Monday night, May 12. It's fifth and closing session will be on the following Wednesday morning after which the Southern Baptist Convention will be called to order.

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On pages 35-36 will be found the names, locations and rates of eight hotels in the downtown section of Birmingham, each being relatively near the Municipal Auditorium in which will be held the annual sessions of Woman's Missionary Union and the Southern Baptist Convention, May 12-18 inclusive. Of course the Tutwiler is one of these eight hotels. At the Tutwiler on the morning of May 12 there will be held the joint session of the W.M.U. Executive Committee, state W.M.U. executive and young people's secretaries. That Monday afternoon, also at the Tutwiler, the southwide W.M.U. committees—Margaret Fund, mission study, personal service, stewardship, missionary education of young people, state W.M.U. executive secretaries—will have their annual meetings. It is hoped that each state will be fully represented. (See pages 5, 35, 36.)

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Editorial

To CROWN a CENTENNIAL

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

“**T**HE messengers from missionary societies, churches and other religious bodies of the Baptist denomination in various parts of the United States met in Augusta, Georgia, May 8, 1845, for the purpose of carrying into effect the benevolent intention of our constituents by organizing a plan for eliciting, combining and directing the energies of the denomination for the propagation of the Gospel”. The foregoing words as quoted from the preamble to the constitution of the Southern Baptist Convention cause today's constituents to look back on ninety-six years of united service and forward to 1945, the centennial year. It is important that every southern Baptist shall enter into a fellowship of service that shall make these remaining four years crown worthily a century of ministry in the propagation of the Gospel at home and abroad.

Before 1845 the women of the churches were having a part in societies that were praying for and giving to missionary causes. In their homes and in the churches they were teaching children and young people to be missionary-minded. Through the subsequent 43 years they were more active participants in the denomination's missionary enterprise growing toward the organization in 1888 of Woman's Missionary Union, which was rightly called “Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention”. Fifty-two years of service as helper have resulted in more than sixty million dollars contributed to non-local missionary causes; also there has resulted a membership of almost 750,000 women and young people united in study, prayer and giving for the propagation of the Gospel.

Now the Southern Baptist Convention has entered upon the crowning years of its first century. Woman's Missionary Union joins all its forces in an earnest effort to make this period in every sense triumphant. To have a debtless denomination would be a crowning achievement. The resolution adopted in the 1940 Annual Meeting of Woman's Missionary Union to take upon herself one-third of the total southwide debt of \$3,000,000, thereby agreeing to make a mighty effort to raise one million dollars in the five-year period, is in accord with the spirit of helpfulness which has ever characterized this auxiliary missionary organization. It will quicken the purpose of all southern Baptists to make this a wholly victorious undertaking. Each W.M.S. is urged to make plans immediately for enlisting debt-paying memberships according to its state plan, realizing that it will be easier to raise in 1941 far more than the proportionate part. Economic conditions will undoubtedly contribute to this end. Since people will have more money than they are apt to have in later years it should be a time to seek and enlist a larger number of helpers in this million dollar effort.

The glory of the service of W.M.U. through the long years is that it represents the combined interest and expression of individual members in small as well as large groups. Endeavoring to hold ourselves steadily to the Christians' main business, the propagation of the Gospel, we shall help worthily to crown the years and make up a century of southern Baptist life.

Annual Meeting

BIRMINGHAM INVITES SOUTHERN BAPTIST WOMEN

THE time is approaching for the annual southwide meetings of Woman's Missionary Union and the Southern Baptist Convention in Birmingham. We are very happy that the 1941 sessions of these bodies will be held in our city, and we wish herewith to extend to the Baptist women throughout the south a cordial invitation to come to Birmingham for these annual high occasions in southern Baptist life and Kingdom promotion.

Birmingham, which is near the center of S.B.C. territory, is a comparatively new city with only a little more than a half century of history. The city is widely known as a great and rapidly growing industrial center surrounded by unlimited mineral resources. Because of thriving steel and other industries, Birmingham is commonly described as the “Pittsburg of the South”. It is located in beautiful Jones Valley, bordered by mountains to the north and south.

Birmingham is more than an industrial center. It is also a center of beauty, culture and religion. The natural scenery surrounding Birmingham is hardly excelled by any city in this country. The mountains and woodlands have provided a natural setting for a widely known residential section. It is a city of roses with rose-trails leading out for many miles along some of the main highways. Birmingham is also a great church center, with many large churches and beautiful church buildings. The Birmingham Baptist Association is said to be the second largest in the world, with 102 churches and more than 50,000 members. Birmingham is also a school center with Howard College, one of the Baptist colleges of Alabama, and Birmingham-Southern, a Methodist college, located in the city.

We are very proud to have the southwide Woman's Missionary Union headquarters located in our city with offices in the Comer Building. These headquarters afford us special blessings and privileges. There flows from these offices a constant stream of missionary information and inspiration to an almost countless number of Baptist churches in the south and around the world. We are sure that the women of the south, while in Birmingham, will want to visit their own Woman's Missionary Union headquarters.

Of peculiar interest during the coming Southern Baptist Convention will be the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Sunday School Board. This Board was founded during the Convention when it met in Birmingham fifty years ago. We welcome the Sunday School Board and all the Sunday School Board forces as they return to Birmingham for the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the Board. A special place will be provided on the S.B.C. program for this celebration.

The sessions of Woman's Missionary Union and of the Southern Baptist Convention will be held at the Municipal Auditorium which seats 6,000 people and is located near the heart of the city. The auditorium faces lovely Wilson Park and is within walking distance of practically every hotel in the city. Birmingham has many large and accommodating hotels, eight of which are unreservedly recommended to the messengers for these two May meetings. No one of the hotels will be designated as W.M.U. headquarters; however, the Union's general officers

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CENTENNIAL MEMBERSHIPS

OVER two-thirds of the states hold their annual W.M.U. meetings in the springtime. At these largely attended gatherings this spring there is apt to be an enthusiastic presentation of the two following motions as passed at the recent mid-year meeting in Birmingham of the W.M.U. Executive Committee and state W.M.U. executive secretaries:

1—That in view of the Union project to raise by 1945 one million dollars for southwide debts, we recommend that this amount be apportioned among the states by the W.M.U. treasurer in conference with the state W.M.U. executive secretaries, the apportionment to be retroactive with calendar year of 1940.

2—That in this effort Centennial Memberships of \$100 each be sought from individuals, circles and societies according to the state's debt-paying plan. That such memberships commence with the S.B.C. year of 1941 and conclude with May, 1945.

History seems to prove that if a state W.M.U. accepts an apportionment in any southwide undertaking it concentrates its efforts thereto. Thus it came that the \$220,000 goal of the 1940 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering was exceeded by more than \$111,000 (see below and 8). Because of this same efficiency and enthusiasm the states raised the promised \$100,000 for the Maud Reynolds McLure Memorial in the present building project of the W.M.U. Training School. Therefore, it is gratefully believed that each state Union will eagerly and earnestly endeavor to reach its accepted apportionment in the southwide effort to raise \$1,000,000 toward a debtless denomination by 1945. In this effort the securing of Centennial Memberships is quite timely. (See also page 4.)

1940 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Reported by States

Name of State	Goal	Total Receipts	For Causes Not in Southwide Goal	Retained for State Expenses	Resultant toward Southwide Goal
Ala.	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 14,159.04	\$	\$ 133.00	\$ 14,026.04
Ariz.	400.00	480.62			480.62
Ark.	7,500.00	9,523.86		250.00	9,273.86
D.C.	900.00	911.50			911.50
Fla.	9,500.00	9,719.66		114.95	9,604.71
Ga.		23,168.06			23,168.06
Ill.	2,750.00	3,667.56	425.00	36.00	3,206.56
Ky.	15,000.00	19,315.61			19,315.61
La.	12,579.88	9,925.98		81.00	9,844.98
Md.	2,500.00	2,616.32		100.00	2,516.32
Miss.	12,500.00	12,408.25			12,408.25
Mo.	13,500.00	12,650.26		162.45	12,487.81
N. M.	1,816.00	1,825.11			1,825.11
N. C.	40,000.00	40,764.99	200.00	288.25	40,276.74
Okla.	13,500.00	10,314.65		157.46	10,157.19
S. C.	21,000.00	25,319.98	2,600.00	144.76	22,575.22
Tenn.	18,000.00	18,510.73		177.14	18,333.59
Tex.	35,000.00	68,418.61	21,968.61	150.00	46,300.00
Va.	22,000.00	47,500.00	4,500.00		43,000.00
TOTALS	\$241,445.88	\$331,200.79	\$29,698.61	\$1,795.01	\$299,712.17

It is decidedly interesting to compare with the above figures the corresponding ones for 1939. Both tabulations were made just about six weeks after the observance of the respective December Week of Prayer. The total receipts at that time from the 1939 December Week of Prayer were \$315,157.53. Comparison shows a gain in the 1940 offering of \$16,043.26 in its glorious total of \$331,200.79. Deepest gratitude is herewith expressed to every pastor, W.M.U. member and organization that as "laborers together with God" made possible this blessed victory! The Foreign Mission Board reported last June at the meeting in Baltimore that it had received from the 1939 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering \$330,424.70. Eagerly is its report awaited for the May meeting in Birmingham!

**Beyond-the-GOAL GIFTS of
1940 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING**

Traveling Expenses of Missionaries from Warring Lands.....	\$25,000.00
Machinery, Publishing House, Rio, Brazil.....	3,000.00
Current Expenses, Colegio Bautista, Temuco, Chile.....	1,000.00
Expenses, Industrial Institute, Corrente, Brazil.....	500.00
College Church, Rio, Brazil.....	3,000.00
Evangelistic Work of Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Christie, Brazil.....	300.00
Operating Expenses of Launch, Amazon River, Brazil.....	300.00
Operating Expenses of Two Launches, Nigeria.....	300.00
Repairs and Upkeep, Training School Building, Buenos Aires, Argentina.....	250.00
Emergencies, Repairs and Enlargement, Stout Memorial Hospital, Wuchow, China.....	2,500.00
Expenses, Institute, Curitiba, Brazil.....	600.00
Completion of Church, Goyaz, Brazil.....	1,500.00
Taylor-Egydio College, Jaguaquara, Brazil.....	5,000.00
Building, First Baptist Church, Temuco, Chile.....	1,400.00
Training School (Men and Women), Kweilin, China.....	500.00
Day Schools, All-China.....	2,000.00
School Property, Joao Pessoa, Brazil.....	3,000.00
Mission at Hawaii.....	4,000.00
Bible Fund of Publishing House, Rio, Brazil.....	762.17
Rents and Student Employment Fund, Seminary, Buenos Aires, Argentina.....	300.00
Opening Proposed New Mission in West China.....	5,000.00
Completion W.M.U. Headquarters, Ede, Nigeria.....	1,000.00
Completion Normal Building, Idi Aba, Nigeria.....	1,000.00
Emergency in China.....	5,000.00
Missionary Home for Doctor or Dentist, Ogbomosho, Nigeria.....	4,000.00
Dispensaries and Clinics, Nigeria.....	1,000.00
Hospital, Ogbomosho, Nigeria.....	500.00
Chapel and Missionary Home, Antofagasta, Chile.....	2,500.00
Training School, Buenos Aires, Argentina.....	1,000.00
Current Expenses, Seminary, Ogbomosho, Nigeria.....	1,500.00
Taxes and Repairs, Publishing House, El Paso, Texas.....	1,000.00
Current Expenses, Seminary, Hwanghsien, China.....	1,000.00
TOTAL, Beyond-Goal-Gifts	\$79,712.17

"Thine, O Jehovah, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory! All things come of Thee and of Thine own have we given Thee that Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy salvation among all nations!"—1 Chron. 29:11, 14; Psa. 67:2

ANNUAL MEETING (Concluded from Page 5)
who do not live in Birmingham will be registered at the Tutwiler Hotel, and all W.M.U. southwide committee meetings will be held there. (See also pages 1, 35, 36.)

We, the Birmingham Baptist women, are looking forward to the happy fellowship we shall have with the Baptist women of the south when they come to Birmingham in May.—Mrs. A. Hamilton Reid, Supt. B'ham. W.M.U. Ass'n., Member W.M.U. Publicity Committee

Evangelist Crusade

WOMEN AS SOUL WINNERS

Dr. Thos. P. Haskins, Associate Secretary
Oklahoma Baptist State Convention

"H ELP those women which labored with me in the Gospel" (Phil. 4:3). These words of Paul bring to mind the beginning of the Gospel in Europe. On a Sabbath morning, down by a river-side in the city of Philippi, a group of women assembled for prayer. Paul preached Christ unto them and the Lord gloriously saved Lydia, a business woman. She then opened the doors of her home to Paul's missionary party. We have every reason to believe that the first church in Philippi was organized in Lydia's house.

Today a letter, written by our pastors, missionaries and evangelists to churches where they have served, would be incomplete without these words: "Help those women which labored with me in the Gospel". How glorious is the work of our Women's Missionary Societies in our crusade for lost souls! Our women have kept the altars of prayer aglow through personal daily devotions, regular periods of prayer, cottage prayer-meetings in revival seasons, the establishment of family altars. In a beautiful way our Christian women are saying to a sinful, troubled world: "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Rom. 10:13). To troubled hearts they are extending God's promise: "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee; and thou shalt glorify Me" (Psa. 50:15). Our women are faithful in the religious census to find the lost and unenlisted. As officers and teachers in the Sunday school, they are constantly seeking through their teaching and visitation to reach lost souls, winning them to Christ and the church.

Through Vacation Bible Schools our women are rendering invaluable service in winning boys and girls to Christ. One of the most glorious days experienced in any Vacation Bible School is the day when the boys and girls come forward, making profession of their faith in Christ Jesus.

Our women are united in their efforts to personally win their loved ones and friends. I am thinking today of one experience in a church where I served. After much prayer and tactful persuasion, a faithful Christian wife succeeded in bringing her unsaved husband to a revival meeting. One night, another consecrated wife and mother wisely approached him, giving him the blessed promises of our Savior if only he would believe. He finally accepted Christ on that night and until the time of his death, three years later, lived a consecrated and useful Christian life. On the afternoon before his death the little woman, who had spoken to him about his soul, stood on one side of his bed and I stood on the other. He extended a hand to each of us, saying: "I thank you for staying with me that night in the church. Otherwise, I would not have been ready for this hour. Now I have no fear. I am ready!" "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever" (Daniel 12:3).

Personal Service

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

CHRIST LIVING IN YOU—Colossians 1:27

PAUL, in writing to the believers at Colosse of the mystery of the ages made known in Christ Jesus to His saints, summed it all up in this revealing word picture: "Christ in you, the hope of glory!" As we study these words, do we as Christians realize that by our every word and deed we are showing to the world what Christ means in our lives? Does the world see Jesus in us? As we who call ourselves Christians live, just so is Christ represented or misrepresented.

A mother was deeply disappointed when she saw the proof of some pictures she had posed for; she told the photographer: "This is not a true likeness of me. I don't want my children or grandchildren to think of me like this, when I am gone". Now Jesus has gone back to His Father and our Father, God, and has no other way of showing to a lost and ruined world what He can mean in the lives of men and women, except as we let Him come in and rule and reign in our lives. Are we drawing a true likeness of Him?

A young Chinese boy walked sixty miles, leading his blind father to reach a Christian hospital. He asked the Christian nurse who met him at the door: "Does Christ live here? I've brought my blind father for Him to cure". After hesitating a moment she answered, "Yes". The doctor later proved to be a true interpreter of the spirit of Christ. Jesus Himself was the only perfect interpreter. Why? He knew His Father's will and purpose to redeem the world. How did He know the Father's will? Notice how often He communed with the Father. As He

communied with the Father, the Father communicated to the Son.

Paul says in Philippians 2:5, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus". The things of the mind become actions. Jesus went about doing good: "He came not to be ministered unto but to minister and to give His life as a ransom for many". Whenever He went there followed joy, peace, healing; even death fled at His entrance. Personal service is you at work for the Master, doing the things He would do if He were here. Over a great hospital door are these words: "I dressed his wounds, God healed him!" Yes, we are His fellow-workers, his partners. Let us cooperate with Him as witnesses.

When the Palestine Broadcasting Station was opened on March 30, 1936, the first words—spoken in Hebrew, Arabic and English—were: "This is Jerusalem calling". Jerusalem is still calling. Almost we can hear the psalmist as he cries, "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!" Today we hear the call for the needs of the world. A call that comes in every language and tongue of a world seemingly gone mad, a world lost in darkness and distress. But above the noise of battle and strife, we hear the voice of the Master as He says: "Follow thou Me, I am the light of the world. He that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life. Ye are My witnesses unto the uttermost parts of the earth". Listen! Jerusalem is calling. Our Jerusalem is where we are. There are needs all around us which need our best. We can pray, give and be our best, beginning at Jerusalem and going to the uttermost parts of the earth.—Mrs. H. A. Elmore, D. C.

Mission Study

Southwide Chairman: Mrs. Una R. Lawrence, Mo.

The THREE "LOOKS" in the ADVANCED COURSE

Mrs. E. E. Steele, Georgia W.M.U. Mission Study Chairman

IN this busy world of today there are so many activities that there is no time for any undertaking that does not make a specific contribution to a person's life. Especially should this be true of a Christian.

The W.M.S. members that have already completed Certificate Courses I and II have realized that, next to the Bible, books on world missions shed more light into their lives than any other type of book. William Strider says: "Books are like windows in a tower, they let light in". Thinking Christians realize that there is a vital connection between missions and world peace, economic conditions and race relationships. And for that reason they want all the light that is possible for them to have, because the brighter their light the clearer are the needs of others. For these, the Advanced Course is especially designed. Their horizon will be pushed back where they can see the needs of the entire world. This course is three searching looks at the world today.

The first look, which calls for quiet meditation and reflection, is a "look-in" to one's own life and activities. There will be many questions to answer, questions that pierce the mind and heart as you read and reread certain pages and paragraphs you have marked in *Thy Kingdom Come—But Not Now* by Slattery, *Out of My Life and Thought* by Schweitzer, and *Nagasaki* by Azling.

The second look—"look-up"—comes with compelling force as you study carefully *Missions in the Plan of the Ages* by Carver. As you look up in faith, once again you will feel the spiritual and missionary impact of John 3:16 and will realize anew that mission work is God's method of making His desire for all nations come true and that missions is "God's way of fulfilling His eternal promise to His Son". This look-up will stimulate a desire to do something for Him and that desire will deepen as you read *I Have Seen God Do It* by Eddy. Its challenging testimony to what God has done through men will encourage you to say: "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?"

When a Christian can truly say: "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" that Christian is ready for the third look—"look-out"—and see the world as Jesus sees it—a world whose people are scattered as sheep without a shepherd, a world that is torn by war and strife, a world whose heart is bleeding, a world whose economic, social, material and spiritual needs are staggering.

As acute as all these needs are, after reading such books as *Europe and the Gospel* by Gill, *Religions in the Republic of Mexico* by Carmargo and Grubb, and *Latin America, Its Place in World-Life* by Inman, one is keenly aware that the world's greatest need is spiritual.

The world needs Jesus Christ—what are you doing to give the world Jesus? Get ready for the Advanced Course and undertake it enthusiastically for the new vision you will get through these three looks: look-in to your own heart; look-up at God's power; look-out at the needs of the world.

For Studying the Book

"SIGNS of the TIMES"

Mrs. Wm. McMurry of Tenn. offers following ideas:

(See also page 13)

In General to the Teacher:

Aim: To set forth present-day world-wide conditions; to challenge the class with the American phase of these problems as southern Baptist home mission task; to show that God-called men and women are helping to find the answers.

Setting: The title of the book suggests a gypsy custom which may be used effectively for this study. When a band strikes camp, members leave signs in the form of stones or sticks arranged in patterns in hidden spots to indicate to other bands passing along the way what to expect, such as a friendly or unfriendly townspeople or good water near.

On the classroom floor or stage outline a road with rocks, pieces of bricks or shells. A little gravel may be scattered over the surface. Indoor landscaping can be used to line effect in making the road more real. Low, medium size signs made of cardboard and tacked to a strip of wood may be placed along the road. Use a different set each session. Near these sign-boards are hidden the letters K. A. O. S. (*Chaos*) made double in an upright position so that they can be bung over a string stretched at the back of the road.

Sessions: The material can be grouped under four headings: I. Signs of the Times; II. Our Battle; III. The Way Out; IV. God's Witnesses. In the first three chapters there is enough material to provide three sessions, but it can be considered primarily under two headings, I and II. The local situation will have to determine the number of sessions.

Discussion Topics

Is peace-time military conscription a step toward totalitarianism? Should the United States feed Europe's starving, innocent people? Which is of most importance to "hemisphere defense": political cooperation, economic collaboration, cultural relationships, Christian missions? Was the appointment of Myron Taylor to the Vatican a violation of U. S. constitution? Is there any relationship between political decay and the collapse of the home? What is "the American way of life"? Do you know what is meant by the *deity* of Christ and do you believe in it?

Session I. Chapters 1 and 3

Suggestions for Sign-boards: Print in red ink the following words, one to each cardboard: Danger! Stop! Think! Woe! Underneath the first word arrange pictures of planes, tanks, soldiers etc. On the second, draw a large dollar-mark. Paste on the third pictures of whiskey-advertisement, couples dancing, theatrical notices etc. Draw a broken and disfigured cross on the fourth.

Assign sections II, III, IV and V in chapter I to members who have been carefully selected. Add to this material parallel references in chapter 3. Before the member discusses her sign she finds her letter on the highway and bangs it in place. Let this word remain for all sessions. The introduction and section I may be handled by the teacher.

Session II. Chapter 2

Sign-board Suggestions: 1. Find a picture of Uncle Sam. Paste in center of cardboard. Arrange around him scraps of newspapers, pieces of book-jackets, pictures of radios. Between these pictures print the words: Hate, Fear, Intolerance, Brutality, Lies.

2. Paste a map of the United States on cardboard. Make five swords or daggers out of stiff paper. Print on each the key-word in divisions A, B, C, D and E in section II. "Stick" these swords into different sections of the map.

3. Print the word "Americanism" in green. Conclude session with the story of Irving Berlin. Unannounced, soloist sings "God Bless America". Display the flag during the lecture. Handle material by lecture, assignments, discussion and question-and-answer method.

Session III. Chapters 3 and 4

Sign-board Suggestions: Break up into three parts II Chronicles 7:14 and print on them

sign-boards. On a fourth sign-board draw or paste a large heart. Print in the center the word "Christ".

Review man-made solutions in chapter 3. Question-and-answer method may be used. The heart of chapter 4 and section IV in chapter 3 may be stated by the teacher. Cull from other chapters material related to the session theme, "The Way Out". Discuss the processes of coming back to God as indicated on sign-boards.

Session IV. Chapter 5

Suggestions for Chapter Presentation: 1—Print on separate sign-boards the name of each race discussed. 2—Use a series of living pictures to illustrate high points in the recorded experiences of the missionaries. 3—A conference in imitation of Ridgecrest, members impersonating the missionaries being gathered around a table; the teacher opens the discussion by drawing clearly the issues, the choice-facing Christians; each worker is asked to state his problem and to offer a solution (pp. 111-122). 4—Lecture, impersonation and dramatization (*the Indian*) might well be used.

Book Reviews

Miss Willie Jean Stewart, Tennessee

SIGNS of the TIMES: Edited by Una Roberts Lawrence; S.B.C. Home Mission Board, Atlanta, 1941; Pages 126; Price 35c

NO reader of newspapers or listener to the radio can be ignorant of the dark and confusing conditions which confront the world of today. Consequently, there is little in the picture of the times presented in this book which is not already well known to those who try to keep up with what is going on in the world. Nevertheless, the book has a real contribution to make in certain very practical suggestions as to changes in the point of view and in attitudes which Christians themselves need to make as they face "the signs of the times".

The book is a symposium of five chapters written by Ellis A. Fuller (president), Una Roberts Lawrence (mission study editor) and J. F. Plainfield (long-time missionary) of the

Home Mission Board and by Lawson H. Cook (secretary) of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South. As is inevitable in such multiple authorship, there is wide variation in style and in grasp of the problems discussed, as well as considerable repetition. There is also the usual lack of suggestion as to how Christians as individuals and in their organized capacities may go about making their principles practically effective in dealing with materialism and unleashed force. Perhaps, though, it is too much to ask of these writers what no one else seems to have discovered. At least their suggestions for individual thinking and heart-searching are definite and stimulating; and the note of optimism they strike in forecasting the final victory of Christ is most heartening. (See also page 12.)

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

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GETTING THE MOST OUT OF THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSION

THE Bush Library at our Training School buzzed with animated conversation over the value and results of the National Christian Mission held in Louisville, January 19-26. Students from the Southern Baptist Seminary and the Presbyterian Seminary precariously balanced teacups on their knees and earnestly discussed with their hostesses at the Training School the National Christian Mission as a form of evangelism, the attitude of the Mission speakers toward the church and social problems, the church and war and other vital questions that are before us these days. Some of us found ourselves thinking it was good to be in America when an enthusiastic young minister or religious worker would beg to disagree with our distinguished guest-speakers on some issue. There are few countries in the world today where such a discussion could have been held, and we are profoundly grateful to God for trusting us with the priceless gift of free thought and free speech on religious matters.

Surely young people in Louisville have rarely had such stimulating food for thought about Christ in our lives and in our world as was given us during the Mission by such speakers as Dr. E. Stanley Jones, missionary to India; Miss Muriel Lester, founder of Kingsley Hall in London, England; Dr. W. S. Abernethy, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church of Washington, D. C.; and thirty other prominent religious leaders and ministers. The week was opened with a great mass meeting attended by about five thousand people who were thrilled by Dr. Jones' message, "Is the Kingdom of God Realism?" The Training School chorus, led by Miss Claudia Edwards, sang "The Lord's Prayer" by Forsythe at this meeting. Each day thereafter Training School girls were able to attend women's forums, noonday services, evening mass meetings and seminars on vital Christian topics.

On Tuesday evening Mrs. W. F. Rothenburger of Indianapolis spoke in our Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial Chapel, challenging us to face the "World of Tomorrow". Our prayer-meeting on Wednesday was conducted by Mrs. Bradford S. Abernethy, minister's wife in Columbia, Missouri, who in her unique and delightful way dared young people to be willing to sacrifice for the cause of Christ in our world. Miss Muriel Lester was guest at the school on Thursday evening and we were thrilled by the sincerity of the message and charm of the personality of this English woman who has done such a remarkable work in carrying Christ to the slums of London through Kingsley Hall and to thousands of others through her books. She left behind her a new realization of the true meaning of the first two words of the Lord's Prayer, "Our Father". Indeed during these days we were led to forget for a time the lines of race, color and denomination and look through the eyes of citizens of the Kingdom of God at our world and our Christ. The program of the National Christian Mission gave new encouragement to the people of Louisville and those of us who are students here in the conviction that "the only hope of humanity for the preservation and progress of righteousness, peace and justice is the Christian faith".

The Training School is constantly presenting opportunities to its students to hear and know great Christian missionaries and leaders. This was another such opportunity, the value of which only our Lord can really estimate.—Miss Elizabeth Anne Campbell, Va.

Calendar of Prayer

April, 1941

Prepared by Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Arizona

HEAR Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our feverish ways—
Reclothe us in our rightful minds, in purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper reverence praise.
In simple trust, like theirs who bared beside the Syrian Sea
The gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow Thee.
—John Greenleaf Whittier

1—TUESDAY

Annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union of Mississippi, McComb, April 1-3; also annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union of Nigeria.
Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made Heaven and earth.—Psa. 124:8

2—WEDNESDAY

Annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union of Missouri, St. Louis, April 1-4
The God of Israel is He that giveth strength and power unto His people.—Psa. 88:35

3—THURSDAY

Annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union of Illinois, DuQuoin, April 1-4
Teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs.—Col. 3:16

4—FRIDAY

Misses xxv. Catherine Bryan, (Elizabeth Hale, Shanghai, 101a Les, Kaiteng, China, evangelistic-educational workers
Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe.—Joel 3:13

5—SATURDAY

xxviii. Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Craighead, Caranavi, Rumania; also Albert B. Craighead, Margaret Fund student
In nothing be anxious.—Phil. 4:6

6—SUNDAY

Mrs. E. A. Nelson, emerita missionary from Brazil, Dr. and Mrs. E. Gill, emerita missionaries from Europe
No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.—Psa. 84:11

7—MONDAY

Miss Cedie Lancaster, Tokyo, (xxviii. Naomi Schell, Tobata, Japan, educational workers; also Pauline Medling, daughter of former missionaries to Japan, Margaret Fund student
There is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few.—1 Sam. 14:6

8—TUESDAY

Annual meetings of Woman's Missionary Union of: Arkansas, Hot Springs; South Carolina, Spartanburg, April 8-10
Let such as love Thy salvation say continually: the Lord be magnified! —Psa. 40:16

9—WEDNESDAY

Annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union of Kentucky, Ashland, April 9-10
Be of good courage and He shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.—Psa. 11:24

10—THURSDAY

Dr. C. E. Maddy, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, all secretaries and state Board members working with him
Be strengthened in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.—1 Tim. 2:1

11—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. H. Canfield, Regia, Dr. and Mrs. A. T. Bequer, Aguascalientes, Mexico; Christine Garnett, Consulados del Sur, Cuba, evangelistic workers; also Angel and Leonor Bequer, Margaret Fund students
Lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid.—Isa. 40:9

12—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. G. B. Milton, Brownsville, Rev. and Mrs. D. Delgado, Eagle Pass, Texas, evangelistic workers among Mexicans
That your grace may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment.—Phil. 1:9

13—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Harriott, Miss Mary Moorman, emerita missionaries from China; also Cora May Harriott, Margaret Fund student
The righteous Lord loveth righteousness: His countenance doth behold the righteous.—Psa. 11:7

14—MONDAY

Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Bowdler, Cipolletti, Rev. and Mrs. M. S. Blair, Buenos Aires, Argentina, evangelistic workers; also George and William G. Bowdler, Margaret Fund students
They made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this Child.—Luke 2:17

Calendar of Prayer for April

15—TUESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Harrison, educational workers, and Mrs. L. L. Johnson, evangelistic workers, Recife, Brazil; also Jed and William Carey Johnson, Margaret Fund students.
Both be that soweth and be that reapeth may rejoice together.—John 4:36

16—WEDNESDAY

Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Carson, evangelistic workers, Sapele, Dr. and Mrs. R. U. Northrip, medical workers, Ogbomosho, Nigeria.
My Spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not.—Ezra 8:25

17—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Olive, evangelistic-educational workers, Chinkiang, Miss Sallie James, medical worker, Yangchow, China; also Howard K. Olive, Margaret Fund student.
The Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.—Rom. 8:26

18—FRIDAY

Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Crouch, Rev. B. Foreman, evangelistic workers, Corvante, Brazil; also Margaret Crouch, Margaret Fund student.
Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.—1 Chron. 16:10

19—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. M. A. Callero, Sagua la Grande, Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Greso, Arroyo Apolo, Cuba, evangelistic workers; also Anabel Callero, Margaret Fund student.
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.—II Cor. 3:17

20—SUNDAY

Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Lawton, Miss Blanche Rose Walker, emeritus missionaries from China.
Grace be unto you and peace from Him which is and which was and which is to come.—Rev. 1:4

21—MONDAY

Rev. T. O. Lee, Richmond, Va., Rev. T. O. Chappelle, Langston, Okla., Rev. and Mrs. C. E. McFadden, Selma, Ala., evangelistic workers to their own Negro race.
The supplication of a righteous man availeth much in its working.—Jas. 5:16

22—TUESDAY

Annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia, Lynchburg, April 22-24.
There is gold and a multitude of rubies; but the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel.—Prov. 20:15

23—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Brantley, Mrs. J. O. Cotey, Kansas Mission workers, New Orleans, La.
Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days.—Ecc. 11:1

24—THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Westbrook, Miss Rose Markovs and Lorenz Thord, educational workers, Shanghai, China.
By faith ye stand.—II Cor. 1:24

25—FRIDAY

Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Taylor, Mrs. C. A. Baker, evangelistic workers, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; also Alfred B. Taylor, Margaret Fund student.
The children of Thy servants shall continue and their seed shall be established before Thee.—Psa. 102:28

26—SATURDAY

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. McGuckey, evangelistic workers, Rev. and Mrs. H. C. McConnell, educational workers, Santiago, Chile.
Hast thou faith? Have it to thyself before God.—Rom. 14:22

27—SUNDAY

That the Holy Spirit may guide in preparations for the annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, S.B.C., May 12-14, Birmingham, Alabama.
Now He, which establisheth us with you in Christ and anointed us, is God.—II Cor. 1:21

28—MONDAY

Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Williams, Miss Hannah P. Sallee and "Little Mae" Hoadley, educational workers, Shanghai, China; also Daniel S. Williams, Margaret Fund student.
The Lord on high is mightier than the voice of many waters.—Psa. 93:4

29—TUESDAY

Annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union of Cuba.
The seal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.—Isa. 9:7

30—WEDNESDAY

Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Carwell, Rev. C. Vanzo, educational workers, Rastrop, Togo.
He that winneth souls is wise.—Prov. 11:30

Attended W.M.U. Training School
Attended Southwestern Training School
Attended Baptist Bible Institute
Former Margaret Fund Student
Mrs. Partridge

Bible Study

Elle Broadus Robertson, Kentucky

SOME PSALMS for TODAY

Psalms 16—A Resurrection Psalm

16 HIS psalm is so connected in our minds with Peter's quoting it on the Day of Pentecost that it is hard for us to realize that David or any other writer could have had the blissful experience described in it—so vivid a consciousness of God and His goodness as to know that such communion pledges an endless life. So Tennyson cries in the Prologue to "In Memoriam": "Thou madest man, he knows not why; he thinks he was not made to die!" This is surely one of the psalms Jesus loved best. Its rapture of love to God was just His very breath. A recent poet longed to hold in his hand the saw or the hammer Jesus used in the carpenter's shop in Nazareth. Here is something better. We can learn this psalm by heart and know we are "thinking His thoughts after Him".

Verse 4. A Jewish commentator quotes David's words to Saul: (see I Sam. 26:17-19). David learned from his hard experiences beautiful lessons of faith and patience and exultation in God. Dr. Carver said once: "If God denies your prayer, He will give you something better—He will give you Himself". So here David is glorying in what he has learned about God. Do you remember in "The Story of a Short Life" the little lame boy who was studying his family motto as carved over the fireplace, "*Laetus sorte mea*"—"Happy in my lot"—and how his father went to the organ and improvised a setting for the verse: "The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places, yea, I have a goodly heritage", and then how the child sang it with him? David, driven from home, his promised kingdom dim in the future, takes the Lord for his inheritance and sings contentedly of his lot. He is willing to be led, thankful for guidance, steady as a rock.

Three men in the psalms use the phrase, "I shall not be moved". One (Ps. 10) is proud, selfish and cruel and boasts that nothing will catch him, that God doesn't even see him. One (Ps. 30:6) trusted in riches for a little while but learned better when they failed him. But here (Ps. 16) is the true courage of one who looks to God and honors Him in his heart.

Then comes the glimpse of a future life, to us more than a glimpse. "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so those also who sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him". Alice Freeman Palmer expressed it for us in "The Butterfly":

"I hold you at last in my hand,
Exquisite child of the air;
Can I ever understand
How you grew to be so fair?"

"Now I hold you fast in my hand
You marvelous butterfly,
Till you help me understand
The eternal mystery."

"You came to this linden tree
To taste its delicious sweet,
I sitting here in the shadow and shine
Playing around its feet."

"From that creeping thing in the dust,
To this shining bliss in the blue—
God give me courage to trust
I can break my chrysalis too!"

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 1941.

TOPIC: An Urgent Gospel—Challenge to True Discipleship

"Persecuted but Not Forsaken"

1st Day—II Cor. 4:8-10; Acts 1:1-12
2nd Day—II Cor. 4:13-18; John 16:7-15
3rd Day—John 15:18-27; I Cor. 12:1-11
4th Day—Rom. 5:1-11; Isa. 44:1-8
5th Day—Rom. 6:1-12; John 15:20-27
6th Day—II Tim. 1:1-14; Eph. 6:10-18
7th Day—II Tim. 4:1-8; Matt. 28:1-6

"If Any Man Teach Otherwise"

8th Day—John 7:11-18; Luke 24:8-12
9th Day—John 7:25-36; Luke 24:13-17
10th Day—John 8:30-32; Luke 24:18-24
11th Day—I Tim. 1:5-17; Luke 24:25-35
12th Day—I Tim. 2:1-8; I Cor. 15:50-58
13th Day—I Tim. 6:1-10; Psa. 16:1-11
14th Day—I Tim. 6:11-21; Acts 4:5-12

"The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand".

15th Day—Matt. 10:1-7; Acts 4:13-20
16th Day—Matt. 10:24, 28-33; Dan. 3:13-18
17th Day—Matt. 13:1-11; Rom. 1:7-16
18th Day—Matt. 13:12-23; Jas. 1:12-18
19th Day—Matt. 13:24-32; Rev. 7:13-17
20th Day—Matt. 13:33-43; Rom. 10:8-11
21st Day—Matt. 13:44-58; Acts 4:32-35

"Be ye doers of the Word".

22nd Day—Jas. 1:1-12; Acts 6:1-7
23rd Day—Jas. 1:13-27; Rom. 15:1-9
24th Day—Jas. 2:14-19; Gal. 6:1-10
25th Day—Jas. 2:20-26; II Cor. 9:1-8
26th Day—Matt. 11:37-42; Isa. 41:8-16
27th Day—Matt. 25:1-13; Psa. 112:1-10
28th Day—Matt. 25:14-30; Acts 8:1-8
29th Day—Matt. 25:31-40; Acts 8:26-40
30th Day—Matt. 25:41-46; Isa. 19:18-25

"Pray Ye"

In adoration for the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Intercede for freedom from jealousy, pride, racial prejudice, callousness to world-wide strife and suffering and sin.

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

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

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

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Circle Program



EXPLANATORY NOTE: Having been started with the January issue, this is still a *new department* of the magazine. Its purpose is at least threefold: (1) to furnish *distinctive material for the circle's program*; (2) to encourage the society to present at its regular monthly missionary meeting the program material as supplied each month in this magazine in line with the month's missionary topic (*pages 22-30*); (3) to increase greatly the circulation and use of the periodicals of S.B.C. Foreign and Home Mission Boards—*The Commission** and *Southern Baptist Home Missions†*. Each circle is urged to make available for its program participants these two monthly magazines as referred to in the following program outline. (See also page 39 of 1941 W.M.U. Year Book.)

CIRCLE PROGRAM TOPIC: HOME MISSIONS

"Cuba for Christ"

Devotional: Salome—Matt. 20:20-28

(See also April issue of *The Commission** for devotional thoughts.)

Story of Home Mission Faith (Select story from April issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions†*)

Story of Home Mission Hope (Select story from April issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions†*)

Story of Foreign Mission Love (Select story from April issue of *The Commission**)

Discussion: Reasons for Enlarging S.B.C. Home Mission Board Work in Cuba and Canal Zone and Southland (Select arguments from articles in April issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions†*)

Two Best Stories—(Have circle's program committee select with great care the best story in April issue of *The Commission** and the best story in April issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions†*. Assign these stories to well qualified members; ask all other participants on program not to use those two stories.)

*Subscribe at 50c a year from Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.
†Subscribe at 25c a year from Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

Business Women's Circles

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WITH the upheaval of the world there has come also an upheaval in the ideals and principles to which Christians once clung for security and peace. The ways of Christ are replaced by the ways of the world. The hundreds of women in the business-world and those who enter this year will be constantly faced with the problem of a choice between Christ and the world.

Poster Suggestion—Secure a picture of a group of people around a conference table. Place this at the center of the poster-board and above it three large question-marks. At the top of each of the question-marks place a liquor-ad, an ad of a gambling house and an ad for salacious literature. Print at the bottom of the poster: "Where do Christians stand on these matters?" Beneath this in smaller letters print the bible reference (*Joshua 24:15b*) and date, time and place of meeting.

Program Suggestions—Place a large table at the front of the room for a roundtable discussion. Those participating in the program will be seated at the table. Display on the table authoritative Christian literature on the problems of liquor, gambling, crime and other vices.

Introduction by Program Chairman—Base introductory remarks and explanation of program on the topic, "True Discipleship" (page 22). The speaker will show the stand that business-girls must take against the evils.

The W. C. T. U.—Have a local W. C. T. U. worker discuss "The Woman's Christian Temperance Union" (page 27), its organization, function and

achievement. She will be familiar with the discussion, "Total Abstinence" (page 25). She may have salient figures on a blackboard or poster. See section, "Facts and Figures" (page 26). "The Cost of Discipleship" (page 28). Have one member present in her discussion that it pays to be a true disciple, even in business.

The next speaker may be one who is a book-lover and should draw a comparison between the truly great books and magazines and the lewd material that clutters our news-stands. She may present suggestions or methods of guidance to lead our youth to read wholesome literature. She may inquire of local librarian on average number of books checked out during a month and make some inquiry of local news-stands of books sold during same month. This would tend to give some idea of what people are reading (see "A True Disciple Takes a Stand", page 23).

The program chairman will entertain questions or discussions from the members on any phase of the program. If the chairman feels that there will be any hesitancy on the part of the members to ask questions, she may have a question-box and have different members to draw questions from it. The questions will be arranged so that different participants on the program will be responsible for answering them. The whole program may be carried out this way through the "question and answer" method.

Prayer that our country may be spared from the evils within. The devotional topic as given in the program will be an excellent thought with which to close. (See page 17.)

Program Plans

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Preparation—Each person participating should be urged to read the entire program. The program chairman should study carefully all available material in order to make suggestions to those asked to participate in the program. It may be suggested to those participating in the discussion that lengthy talks are not necessary but that a presentation of conditions and facts will stir the women into action. Postal card invitations or reminders may be mailed to the women a few days before the meeting. On these cards could be pasted small black silhouettes of churches with the words, "A Challenge to True Discipleship", and the time and place of the meeting printed beside.

Presentation—On a light blue cardboard or paper draw with black ink a road beginning at the left-hand side of the bottom of the sheet and extending up almost middle way and across to the right side of the sheet. On this road draw or paste figures of people, all of whom are facing or traveling toward the center. At the bottom of the poster print the words of the program theme. The person who discusses "The True Disciple Takes a Stand" will place a silhouette or small picture of a church beside the road on the left side of the poster. The person discussing "Total Abstinence" will place on the right side a silhouette or picture of a saloon in black. The speaker of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will place a picture of an office building above that of the saloon, with the letters, "W. C. T. U.", written on it in black. The last speaker will discuss "The Cost of Discipleship". She will place in the center of the poster a gold cross large enough to have predominance and with

the words, "Follow Me", written across it. When the cross is put in place all the people on the road will be going toward it.

PROGRAM OUTLINE

Hymn—"More Like the Master"

Devotional—Psalm 16 (See suggestions, page 17.)

Prayer

Hymn—"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

Talk—"The True Disciple Takes a Stand" (page 23. This is represented by placing picture of church on the poster.)

Talk—"Total Abstinence" (page 25. A picture of a saloon is placed on the poster. White construction-paper bottles with items from "Facts and Figures", page 26, written on them may be passed out and the figures called attention to in the talk.)

Prayer that we may be rid of the evil of the liquor-traffic

Talk—"Woman's Christian Temperance Union" (page 27. This should be given, if possible, by a member of the W. C. T. U. She should place the picture of the building seeking to blot out the saloon on the poster.)

Talk—"The Cost of Discipleship" (page 28. This speaker places the emblem of the cross in the center of the poster, thus making all the figures appear to be walking toward the cross. This discussion should be made a real challenge.)

Hymn—"My Soul, Be on Thy Guard"

Prayer that we may, as true disciples, stand against all the world's evil forces and hear the call of Christ to follow Him

Program Material

Mrs. C. D. Crenshaw, Tennessee

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

Topic for MONTH: An Urgent Gospel—Challenge to True Discipleship

Hymn for Year: Jesus Saves

Watchword for Year: That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy salvation among all nations—*Psalm 67:2*

Bible Study—Psalm 16—A Resurrection Psalm (See also page 17.)

Prayer of thanksgiving for the resurrection of Jesus

Hymn—More Like the Master

The True Disciple Takes a Stand

Hymn—Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Total Abstinence

Prayer that our country and the world may be rid of the evil of the liquor traffic

Woman's Christian Temperance Union

Hymn—My Soul, Be on Thy Guard

Prayer that we may, as true disciples, stand against all the world's evil forces

TRUE DISCIPLESHIP

WHEN the young Princess Victoria learned for the first time that she would some day be Queen of England she exclaimed, "Then I must be good". The consciousness of great responsibility challenged her to personal righteousness. As we think of conditions in the world today and realize the urgency of speeding with the Gospel message to all nations we are faced with the challenge to true discipleship and find ourselves saying in our own hearts: "We must be good. We must be true. We must live up to Christian standards of personal righteousness. We must stand against all things that are wrong and for all things that are right".

Nothing so impedes the speed of the Gospel as the compromising lives of Christian people and nothing so speeds the Gospel as the Christlike living of those who are God's representatives on earth. Demonstration is always more powerful than argument. Actions al-

ways speak louder than words. The Christian message coming from people whose lives are not right cannot reach the hearts of the lost. A Hindu once said to a Christian: "Your Christ is wonderful. I like Him but I have not seen many Christian people like Him". Christians who would win the world to Jesus must be like Him.

Of course we realize that the inconsistency of Christians is a great hindrance to winning people near at hand. What we need to know is that the nations are so close together that how we live affects the speed of the Gospel everywhere. "The whole world is a whispering gallery and all nations are listening in". Because America is considered a Christian nation pagan nations judge Christianity by what happens here. When we repealed the prohibition amendment, when we tolerate all forms of gambling and social vices, when our crime record mounts higher and higher every year, other nations say, "We do not want such Christianity as that".

The life of America is the sum total of the lives of the American people. Each of us is responsible for our part of America. Each one either adds to or subtracts from the Christian influence of our country, both among her own people and among the nations of the world. Surely this is a challenge to true discipleship. We must live consistent Christian lives that our Christian witness may be powerful and that the Gospel may be speeded.

A missionary was telling the story of Jesus in a heathen village. The listeners broke in on the story exclaiming, "We knew Him. He once lived here". The missionary tried to explain that Jesus could never have been in that village, that He had lived only in Palestine and that over nineteen hundred years before. "Oh yes, He did live here", they contended. "He is buried on our own hillside". Then the missionary learned that another missionary had been there so much like Jesus that when the story of Jesus was told they thought they recognized in Him the man whom they had known and loved. That is the kind of discipleship needed to speed the Gospel. When Christians are like Jesus, others want their Christianity. As we enter into the consideration of this program on the topic, "Challenge to True Discipleship", may the prayer in each of our hearts be—

"Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me,
All His wonderful passion and purity.
Oh Thou Spirit Divine,
All my nature refine,
Till the beauty of Jesus be seen in me".

THE TRUE DISCIPLE TAKES A STAND

A TRUE disciple must take a stand against all the forces of evil. He must have convictions about right and wrong and the strength to express them. He must recognize the power of the world, the flesh and the devil and must fight these evils with all the strength of his Christian convictions. One trouble with the

world today is the weak-kneed, wishy-washy attitude of Christians toward sin. Christians who never stand for anything have little power to win others to Christianity.

Against Gambling—As true disciples we must take a stand against gambling. It is estimated that American people spend at least seven billion dollars each year on some form of gambling. This is more than fifty dollars each for every man, woman and child in the United States. Some gamble on horse-races, some on ball-games, some on card-games and some on lotteries of different kinds. How we ought to abstain from every appearance of this seductive vice! Do we ever use slot-machines found in many places of business? If so, we are gambling. Do we buy "chances" on things to be raffled off? If so, we are gamblers. Whenever we spend our money, not getting its value in any commodity, but hoping to get far more than its value at somebody else's expense, we are gamblers.

It is said that twenty-nine per cent of the American people gamble more or less regularly on some church lottery—mainly under Roman Catholic auspices. This seems terrible to us but we must acknowledge that women in Baptist churches have been known to raffle off cakes, quilts and other commodities to make money for "the Lord's work". So does Satan deceive and make this diabolical evil appear as an angel of light.

A great gambling danger-point for women is the card-game. Of course one can play cards without gambling but all too often a card-party means a gambling party for it is gambling whether the stakes are pennies, dollars or prizes. And even when a game is played with no money or prizes at stake, cards are so closely associated with gambling that it is a safe plan for the Christian to leave them absolutely alone.

Against Crime—Fifty years ago the United States was the most law-abiding nation in the world. Now it is the most lawless. "Last year 1,500,000

serious crimes were committed—crimes such as murder, manslaughter, rape, robbery and burglary and 13,000,000 lesser crimes such as fraud, forgeries, embezzlements and assaults". Every 22 seconds a serious crime is committed and every 45 minutes somebody is murdered. The cost of crime in the United States is now over \$15,000,000,000 annually.

As true disciples we must do all in our power to allay the crime wave in our country. We ourselves must obey all laws and must support all agencies that exist for law-enforcement. We must take a courageous stand against all places of vice in our communities. We must vote for public officers who we have reason to believe will enforce law. But always we must remember that the best antidote for criminality is Christianity. The best way to fight crime is to bring as many people as possible into personal contact with Jesus Christ and then into the membership of our churches. Christians, faithfully serving Jesus in the churches, do not become criminals.

Against Salacious Literature—Few things, if any, influence the character of people more than what they read. Therefore, as true disciples we should take a firm stand against "the steady flow of salacious, vicious and corrupting streams of literature both periodical and permanent that flood the news-stands and find their way into the homes of our people and into the hands of impetuous and impressionable youth. Nothing could be more blighting to character or corrupting to morals". It is said that there are 150 nationally distributed periodicals which reek with frankly objectionable material. In some localities these magazines constitute from one-fourth to one-half of the news-stand sales. There can be no doubt about the influence of such literature on the morals of our young people. It is without question one of the causes of the prevalence of crime in our land. J. Edgar Hoover says: "The publication and distribution of salacious material is a peculiarly vicious evil; the destruction of moral

character caused by it among young people cannot be overestimated. The circulation of periodicals containing such material plays an important part in the development of crime among the youth of our country". K. P. Aldrich, chief inspector of the post-office department, says: "The present flood of filthy publications is greatly responsible for the increase in sex crimes and furnishes an important motivation to youthful offenders".

There are many things which we can do to combat this evil. A recent issue of the *Readers' Digest* gives an article telling how the citizens and public officers of certain communities have cooperated in a campaign against salacious literature with such success that the news-stands have been practically freed from this menace. We can do the same thing in our own communities if we try.

One way in which we can all fight this evil is by providing for our own young people plenty of good literature. If we create in them a taste for the best reading and then provide the best reading matter for them they will not be found buying and reading the filthy magazines and novels so dangerous to their character. Every Baptist church should have a library full of good reading matter for its members. Every Baptist home should provide for the children not only the best of secular literature—fiction, history, travel, poetry, books on science, nature etc.—but also Bible stories, missionary books and our denominational periodicals. *World Comrades* and *The Window of Y.W.A.* are as attractive as any secular magazines and will charm any young people for whom they are provided. *The Commission* and *Southern Baptist Home Missions*, the publications of our Foreign and Home Mission Boards, provide reading matter to interest every member of the family. These, the state denominational paper and the splendid periodical publications of our Baptist Sunday School Board should be a part of the good current literature in every Baptist home.

TOTAL ABSTINENCE

THE true disciple of Jesus Christ must stand absolutely against the liquor traffic which means that he must be a total abstainer himself and must use his influence to see that others realize the importance of total abstinence. Since the repeal of the eighteenth amendment there has been such a change in the attitude of the people toward liquor and such an increase in the amount of alcoholic drinks consumed that we need to take heed lest our own attitude toward this monstrous human curse be changed. We must still see alcohol as a great destroyer of human life, a great menace to human morals and a great enemy to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The word "alcohol" is derived from an Arabic word meaning "evil spirit". Surely it is an evil spirit that has killed more people than all the wars in history and has brought more disease, more poverty, more disaster and more heartaches than any other one thing in all the world.

It was once thought that alcohol was a stimulant but it has been found that instead it is an "irritant, narcotic, depressant drug, classed along with chloroform, opium, morphine and ether". Science says: "The effect of alcohol is wholly that of a depressant, making less active the powers of the nervous system and also the important functions of digestion, liver, heart and blood vessels. The most delicate mental powers—judgment, caution and control—are the first impaired".

Moreover, alcohol is habit-forming. Alcohol makes its own repeat orders". One drink calls for another until self-control is lost and a man becomes the slave of his appetite.

Some years ago Lillian Russell, whose name at that time was a synonym for good looks, described the effects of alcohol on personal appearance by declaring that "drink will disfigure the face with pimples and blotches, glaze the eyes with a criss-cross of fiery blood-vessels, paint the nose an unlovely hue, make the

cheeks pallid, write dark circles under the eyes and will do a few other things besides inflicting upon the guilty ones such unimportant consequences as indigestion, headaches, biliousness, Bright's disease, nervousness, bad temper, loss of common sense, loss of power to work efficiently, loss of friends, family and happiness". As we read this and realize its truth, we wonder why anybody is foolish enough to drink the stuff!

A terrible effect of drink today is seen in the number of automobile accidents due to drinking drivers. Since repeal automobile accidents in the United States have increased in the same proportion as liquor sales have increased. It is estimated that at least sixty per cent of all accidents are caused by liquor. Gasoline and drink do not mix.

One thing the world needs to learn with increasing conviction is the harm in a little drink. The liquor forces are deceiving millions of people—even some Christians—by making them believe that it is safe to drink so long as too much is not taken. Not temperance or moderation but abstinence is the word which we must apply to the use of drink. One hundred years ago it was thought, "He is not drunk who is on the floor and rises again and asks for more". Today we have learned better than that. We know that the first drink makes a man one drink drunk and after that his drunkenness is in proportion to the amount he drinks. We know that there is great danger in beer and wines. "Science gives the indisputable evidence that alcohol even in moderate amounts is harmful physically and mentally and experience shows it to be harmful morally".

Many eminent scientists have expressed themselves on the harm of a little drinking:

Dr. Robert Koppe, one of the best known physicians of Europe says, "The abuses of alcohol commence with its use".

Dr. Victor Horsley, the eminent British surgeon declares, "In reality we have

no proof that a minimum and permissible dose of alcohol exists".

"Alcohol, even in small quantities, perverts the judgment and weakens self-control", says Dr. Ritchie of Edinburgh.

A French government poster bears these words: "The continued use of alcohol, whether in the form of beer, wine or spirits, even though not to the extent of drunkenness, leads to chronic poisoning".

The fallacy that a little drink doesn't make a drunkard is responsible for most of the highway accidents caused by drink. It isn't the staggering or the dead-drunk man who is the danger behind the steering wheel, for usually either his friends or the officers of the law prevent his driving in that condition. The man who has the automobile accident is he whose glass of beer has had no effect on his outward appearance but nevertheless has confused his judgment of distance, color, signals and sense of speed. Not wobbly legs but a staggering brain is the menace of the highway.

The following story taken from "Alcohol and the Christian Life" by Deeds Pickett shows what a little alcohol can do to a man. "A brilliant man, prominent in the public life of Wisconsin, recently started from Madison to Milwaukee at nine in the evening. On the way, he stopped and drank two bottles of beer. There is no dispute as to the quantity. Entering Milwaukee, he side-swiped a car, ran down and killed a man, then drove madly through the streets,

ignoring red lights and endangering scores of lives. Today he is in terrible trouble and Wisconsin is deprived of a gifted leader. He was a good man, an intelligent man, plus two bottles of beer—just two bottles".

In the face of these facts, proving the danger of even a small amount of alcohol, the true Christian discipleship demands absolute, total abstinence. That means no drinking of cocktails. That means no whiskey taken even for medicinal purposes, because doctors have found that this is neither necessary nor beneficial. That means no pouring of wine into or over our Christmas fruit-cakes, no "spiking" of the punch at our parties, no whiskey used to "flavor" our boiled custard—none of these sometimes considered "harmless" things whereby Christian people are snared into tampering with this evil spirit, alcohol. Total abstinence must be our stand on this subject. Any other stand is dangerous, sinful and not Christian.

FACTS and FIGURES

PERHAPS never before has there been such a need for a firm stand and a strong fight against the liquor-business. We are beginning to realize that all the forces of this evil are upon us again with even more diabolical powers than in pre-prohibition days. Some facts and figures gleaned from the literature of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and the Anti-Saloon League and from other reliable sources reveal the seriousness of the situation.

There are 537,000 places where liquor is sold in the United States.

There is a liquor-license for every 267 people in the United States.

There are 11 saloons or liquor-selling shops for every five churches. There is one tavern or liquor-bar for every 71 homes.

The total national drink-bill for liquor legally sold in 1939 was estimated at almost four billion dollars. This made the per capita cost of liquor for every man, woman and child, about \$25.

There are 1,325,000 bar-maids in America.

The liquor interests spend close to \$30,000,000 annually for advertising.

Since the repeal of the eighteenth amendment there have been 84 men, women and children killed every day on the highways by drinking drivers.

Liquor is related to 90 per cent of the crimes in America today.

Liquor is responsible for 55 per cent of the insanity in the United States.

Liquor is the root of 75 per cent of broken homes in America today.

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION

A CONSIDERATION of the liquor conditions of our country leads Christians to the conviction that we must do something about it; our search for the "something" which we can do leads us inevitably to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, that organization for women especially devoted to fighting the liquor business and all attendant evils in our country and throughout the world. This organization is all that its name indicates. First, it is a woman's organization, organized by women and for women to fight that evil whose afflictions fall heaviest on women and which women loathe with all the intensity of their beings. Then, it is a Christian organization founded on Christian principles, whose members look to Christ for leadership and power for the work which they believe is a part of His work. The word *temperance* in the title makes use of a word long used by those standing against strong drink, while the word *union* indicates that the organization brings together women of all churches and of all faiths, of all states and all countries, to join their forces in a combined effort for a great cause. The purpose of the organization has been defined as follows: "The Woman's Christian Temperance Union is an organization of Christian women banded together for the protection of the home, the abolition of the liquor-traffic and the triumph of Christ's Golden Rule in custom and in law".

We should be members of the W.C.T.U. because of what the organization has done in the past. We will remember that this work started with the "Woman's

an's Crusade", when back in 1874 groups of women went singing and praying into the saloons, requesting the saloon-keepers to stop selling liquor. Though this was a movement without preparation and without organization, "in fifty days it drove the liquor-traffic—horse, foot and dragoons—out of two hundred and fifty towns and villages, increased by 100 per cent the attendance at church and decreased that at the criminal court in almost like proportion". "Twenty-two states felt the tread of the women's feet and heard the voices of their most influential and respected women lifted in prayer in that day when such a thing had never been done. God heard and answered their prayers!"

Out of this movement grew the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, organized in Cleveland, Ohio, at a convention called for that purpose on November 18-20, 1874. Since then this organization has fought valiantly against the liquor-traffic and has won many victories. We know that it was largely due to the efforts of the W.C.T.U. that the eighteenth amendment was written into the U. S. Constitution. Through its "Department of Scientific Temperance Instruction" the W.C.T.U. secured the first law in all the world requiring schools to teach the effect of alcohol upon the human system. This law was enacted November, 1882, in Vermont; twenty years later every state in the Union, every territory, the District of Columbia, our military and naval academies, our Indian and Negro schools all were under these laws and every child under our flag had a legal right to knowledge of "what alcohol is and what it does". Moreover, the W.C.T.U. was an important factor in obtaining the quarterly

temperance lessons in the "International Sunday School Series" and securing the observance of "World Temperance Sunday" each year. These and other achievements too numerous to mention make this an organization worthy of our interest and support.

But not so much for what the W.C.T.U. has done in the past as for what it is doing today we should give it the support of our membership. It is still the great organization for Christian women fighting what is still a great evil, threatening the safety of our homes and our country.

Today there are ten thousand local organizations of the W.C.T.U. known as "Unions". Then there is a National W.C.T.U. of the United States, organized in every state, territory and dependency, including the District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the Philippines. There is a World W.C.T.U. which federates the organizations of fifty different countries. The work is carried on through twenty-one departments. It has two branches: "Youth's Temperance Council" for young people and "Loyal Temperance Legion" for boys and girls. Headquarters are maintained at Evanston, Illinois, with an executive secretary and a general secretary for each of the two young people's organizations. A Bureau of Legislation is maintained with a representative at Washington, D. C. Extensive field service is rendered by groups of women working in all parts of the country "teaching the relation of alcohol to the mental, moral, social, spiritual and physical well-being of the individual and of the nation".

Of especial value is the service of the W.C.T.U. in its literature, designed to give alcohol education from a scientific standpoint. This appeals to the intelligence of the young people and helps them to understand by scientific investigation the harmful effects of alcohol on the body and on the mind.

A woman becomes a member of the W.C.T.U. by signing the pledge of total abstinence and paying the annual mem-

bership dues of one dollar. Of this dollar a small per cent helps to support the local union; the rest is paid into the state W.C.T.U. treasury from which ten cents per member is paid into the treasury of the national organization; and from this one cent goes to the World W.C.T.U.—so each member supports the whole program of work.

By joining the W.C.T.U. we add to the membership of this organization whose work is still so much needed in our land and throughout the world. It is the number of members that gives the organization its strength in presenting its protests and urging its reforms. The liquor-people recognize the W.C.T.U. as the "voice of the church" and measure the strength of that voice largely by the strength of the membership. "The activity of the W.C.T.U. is a barometer which is scanned by the liquor-forces and which fills them with alarm".

By becoming members of the W.C.T.U. we will be taking a definite stand against liquor, will be strengthening and broadening our Christian influence and will also be helping to speed the Gospel. Missions and the temperance cause go together—they mutually help each other. So let us wear the white ribbon of the W.C.T.U. along with the lavender and white of our own W.M.U., realizing that anything we do to help rid the world of liquor will speed the spread of the Gospel and also that the spread of the Gospel will speed the doom of the liquor traffic.

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

IT costs something to be a true disciple of Jesus Christ. The Master did not promise ease to His disciples. He said: "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me". Again He said: "Whosoever doth not bear this cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple".

The disciple who dares to stand against the forces of evil in this world will suffer for it. He who opposes the world, the flesh and the devil will find

all the powers of the world, the flesh and the devil arrayed against him. Sometimes the man who stands against liquor, gambling and other evils loses his chance at public office. Often such a stand means great financial loss to a business man. Sometimes a woman must give up social contacts that she enjoys and must bear the ridicule of those who look upon her stand for the right as prudish and old-fashioned.

Long ago Daniel dared stand for his convictions, though it meant facing the lions' den. It was said of him that "when Daniel knew that the writing was signed he went into his house (now his windows were open in his chamber toward Jerusalem); and he kneeled upon his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God as he

did aforetime". The significant thing about this is that Daniel knew that the decree was signed forbidding prayer to anyone but the king, with the lions' den as the sure punishment to all who disobeyed that decree, but this did not deter him from doing what he felt was right. The lions' den meant nothing to him when his convictions were at stake. Such a spirit also had the three Hebrew children who chose to go through the fiery furnace rather than disobey God. Such a spirit to stand for the right at any cost is what we need among Christians today. Such a spirit will win the world's admiration and respect and put wings on the Gospel message. Such a spirit we must have if we are to win the world to Christ.

In this day when the powers of evil are combining their forces to fight against everything that is right; in this day when there is such urgency for speeding the Gospel to earth's lost people; in this day when there are such opportunities for Christian people to fight against the world's wickedness; in this day when there is such a need for Christian living and Christian witnessing—then

We must be good.

We must be true to our discipleship.

We must be strong to stand against the wrong and for the right.

"We are living, we are dwelling
In a grand and awful time,
In an age on ages telling;
To be living is sublime.
Hark! the waking up of nations,
God and Magog to the fray;
Hark! what soundeth is creation
Groaning for the latter day.

"Worlds are changing, Heaven beholding;
Thou hast but an hour to fight;
Now, the blazoned cross unfolding;
On, right onward for the right!
On! let all the soul within you
For the truth's sake go abroad!
Strike! Let every nerve and sinew
Tell on ages, tell for God!"

QUESTIONS for REVIEW and DISCUSSION

1. How does the urgent Gospel call for true discipleship?
2. Discuss the evil of gambling.
3. What temptations to gamble are there in our own neighborhood?
4. How may we fight the entrenched crime of our country?
5. Discuss the harm of salacious literature.
6. How may we fight salacious literature?
7. What should be the true disciple's attitude toward the liquor-traffic?
8. Tell something of the operations of the liquor-traffic today.
9. Discuss the harm of a little drinking.
10. Tell something of the history and present work of the W.C.T.U.
11. Give some reasons why we should join the W.C.T.U.
12. Discuss the cost of true discipleship.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

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The Window of Y.W.A.	—World Comrades
The Commission	—Southern Baptist Home Missions
State Denominational Papers	
W.C.T.U. and Anti-Saloon League Literature	
Last Report of the Social Service Commission in 1940 S.B.C. Minutes	
The Amazing Story of Repeal	Dobyns
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WHY a W.M.S. SHOULD HELP Y.W.A's. to GO to Y.W.A. CAMP

Mrs. W. E. King, Wife of Pastor, Independence, Mo.

RIDGECREST! The very name itself thrills all southern Baptists. The time is drawing near when Y.W.A's. all over the southland will be making plans to spend their vacations at Ridgecrest in the mountains of North Carolina, June 24 to July 4, 1941.

It was my happy privilege to attend Y.W.A. Camp in 1940, to witness for myself the outstanding qualities of the entire camp program and to bear personal testimony that "no one can attend Ridgecrest Y.W.A. Camp and return home just the same person". I am sure that each of us has either heard of or experienced the spiritual as well as material advantages of this Southwide Y.W.A. Camp but how many of our Women's Missionary Societies are realizing the importance of sending their own Y.W.A. girls? Those of us who are mothers know that oftentimes our children would miss some of the best things in life if mother did not "push" a little in the right direction; surely as the mother organization of Woman's Missionary Union our responsibility to our Christian young people is no less! It is time now for each Woman's Missionary Society to formulate and put into action some very definite plan to send a Young Woman's Auxiliary member to this camp or to help her to go—supplying that very vital little "push" so often needed.

The world about us is all confusion and distress—how important it is that in this year of 1941 our girls may have the opportunity to come apart from that world into a new one, where for ten full days they may see for themselves that Christianity is practical and that it works. At the close of the camp last summer as I was bidding very reluctant good-byes and had expressed to one of the staff-members my appreciation for the happy, harmonious spirit of the entire camp she said: "Yes, and just think—the whole world could be like this if every one were really Christian!"

Nothing has been neglected in the planning of the Y.W.A. Camp program that will lead to happy, wholesome, constructive Christian living, and there is ample opportunity for the development and use of the talents of the individual girl. What a grand and glorious time she has as she literally absorbs inspiration, information and recreation!

Do you remember that old game of blindman's buff? We used to blindfold the one who was "it" and then turn her round and round till she was dizzy; then some one would take hold of her to steady her and start her in the right direction. Our young people are uncertain and confused today; let us place a loving, steadying hand on their shoulders and start them in the right direction—a gentle "push" toward Ridgecrest Y.W.A. Camp, June 24 to July 4. It will mean much to them in the development of their own "Life Beautiful!"

Write your state W.M.U. young people's leader for reservation and to join her in travel to Ridgecrest. Rates: \$2 a day in Pritchell Hall; enrolment fee \$2 (one dollar being for Ridgecrest management and the other for Y.W.A. Camp registration.)

Our Young People

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PREPARING PROPER STEWARDSHIP FOOD

Mrs. John Cunningham and Mrs. E. A. Sample, Ala.

"J. OHNNIE! JANE!" called Mother. "It's time to get ready for supper. I'm putting it on the table". How many times this call rings out to our children! Are we as faithful in providing spiritual food for our young people, or do we eat at God's table ourselves and fail to call our children? Our leaders have given us all the material necessary to help us teach Christian stewardship. We mothers will some day have to render account of our stewardship of the missionary education of the young people for whom we are responsible. What will that day mean to you—to me?

One reason for the debts of southern Baptists today is that we—and many before us—were not taught to be faithful stewards in our childhood. As leaders now we need to realize the vast possibilities in stewardship correctly taught. God's work will never lack needed workers if the young people are grounded in the fact that they were given their talents to glorify God and are urged to use them accordingly. A child may say, "I have no money", but what Christian child can truthfully say: "I do not have the Gospel, I cannot sing, I have no voice to pray, no heart to love, no time to visit, no talent at all to offer God in return for all the good things He has given me?"

The year round teaching of stewardship prepares for the church night stewardship program. The best talks, the good hand-work, stewardship Scriptures learned early and repeated often during the year will all be ready to be used that night. In our church in Selma, Alabama, we are following the suggestions given on pages 62-63 in the 1941 Year Book.

At our Stewardship Night last November, after the Sunbeams' Scripture verses, the Jr. G.A.'s presented "The Gift Boxes", nine girls carrying boxes of various kinds—jewel, Christmas, shoe and others—a tenth girl having a tither's box. The nine explained the fleeting good of their boxes; then the last girl emphasized the eternal value of the good accomplished by the tithe. A Y.W.A. member talked on the slogan, "A Debtless Denomination by 1945", followed by a model Jr. Royal Ambassador meeting with stewardship program. The suggestion given in October *World Comrades* for a picture-show was elaborated by the Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary. They showed in a strikingly effective way how the money paid into their church treasury is used: first, at home (pictures were shown of pastor, janitor, building in process of erection etc.); second, the church treasurer sending mission money to state headquarters; third, state work and workers and division in the state office to south-wide causes. Pictures of things Mary saw in state, home and foreign fields as she went "around the world on a dime" were better than words. Three-minute talks on stewardship were given by an Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary member and a Royal Ambassador. "When the Owner Cometh", the suggested play in which every organization from Sunbeam Band to Senior Ambassador Council was represented, vividly portrayed the principle of stewardship.

The entire program was a lesson in and demonstration of stewardship, given to a great crowd, many of whom would have had it in no other way. Is it worthwhile? Our pastor says yes. One tangible result is that during the month of January the offerings have made an all-time record in spite of rainy weather and the flu epidemic; but the greatest results, which are eternal, are unseen.

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The Negro Baptist churches of this country gained 60,029 members last year, bringing their membership up to 4,046,840. They now have 24,575 churches and 27,242 preachers.—*Watchman-Examiner*

Bacone College for Indians at Muskogee, Oklahoma, began its 60th year last fall with Indians enrolled from 15 states and representing 40 different tribes. From four tribes for the first time students are thus in attendance.—*Missions*

The following questions and answers were given when the men from Thames Minesweepers' Service were putting to sea:

Question: Are we all here?

Answer: Yes, in God's care. Amen

Question: Of what then are we afraid?

Answer: We are afraid of nothing!

"Secure from Every Ill"

RELEASED from a lingering illness Miss Zemma Hare of China went the last week in January to the Heavenly "healthful shore" where "sickness and sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more". Born in Texas she secured her B.A. from Mary-Hardin Baylor College and afterwards studied further at both the Southwestern Training School and Baptist Bible Institute. Appointed by the S.B.C. Foreign Mission Board in 1920 she went to the Interior China Mission field where she devotedly served for a score of years in evangelistic work, chiefly in primary schools and in the Shih Yu Baptist Bible Institute for women and girls in Kaifeng. In extending sympathy to her coworkers and relatives, there is also expressed deepest appreciation for her dedicated life.

Current Missionary Events

Discussed by Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia

With the Woman's Missionary Union in all its women's societies and young people's organizations making a specific study this month of those forces of evil such as the liquor-traffic, gambling etc.—that destroy those sanctions which make for true discipleship and that undermine the moral standards of a people—the following items gathered from here and there seem apropos and should be of genuine interest and perhaps may help to contribute to the sense of urgent need in combating all such evils.

Susannah Wesley, mother of John Wesley whose preaching is said to have saved England from a bloody revolution in his day, told her boys: "Whatever weakens your reason, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God or takes off your relish for spiritual things—that is sin to you!"

From *Missions* we learn that last year the liquor-traffic had the effrontery to claim that its products possess Christian character, as just one headline will show: "The Perfect Gift—Let America's Finest Whiskey Be Your Guide". Over against that put the words of James (1:17): "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights".

Figures for the country show that since the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment seven years ago arrests for drunkenness have doubled in number. Deaths from alcoholism have increased forty-one per cent. Arrests for driving while intoxicated have increased sixty-one per cent.

Directors of the Young People's League of the Norwegian Lutheran Church in their annual conference in Minneapolis near the close of last year charged that the liquor-interests are waging an unfair war against the morals of youth through radio, newspaper, magazine and bill-board advertising. "We are alarmed", they declared, "by the widespread increase in drunkenness, not least among young American womanhood".

The *Christian Herald* of last December published a statement made by Judge Emmett Perry of the *Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court of Jefferson County, Alabama*, in which he said: "During the year 1939 the Juvenile Division of this court dealt with 1683 delinquent, neglected and dependent children. It would be difficult to find a case wherein the parent was not an excessive user of alcoholic liquors".

According to the *American Business Men's Research Foundation*, an advertising survey revealed that in some cases motion-picture producers have inserted "whiskey-drinking, cocktail 'smart-Alexs', barroom scenes and such things as direct commercial tie-ups with the publicity representatives of specific makers of liquor". In this connection it is to be observed that the Roman Catholics are beginning to bestir themselves anew concerning objectionable books and movies. We are told that a new crusade is underway.

Two items that should cause Americans to blush with shame:—(1) A correspondent from Toronto, Canada, writes: "One technique used by the liquor-interests is to warn the people that Canada needs American tourists to preserve a reasonable parity in our exchange and that American tourists need liquors". (2) "In Britain's hour of need, when the British navy is operating day and night to prevent a Nazi invasion and, as many Americans believe, to serve as America's front line of defense, the liquor-traffic has the effrontery to hail the navy only as a protective guarantee for an uninterrupted flow of Scotch whiskey to American drinkers", so says one writer as he quotes the following lines from an American liquor-importer's full page advertisement: "Let us drink a toast to the British navy under whose protection we are assured a continuous flow of our whiskey from across the Atlantic!"

The *Michigan Christian Youth Action Committee* will work for the passage of a bill, to be introduced in both houses of the Michigan Legislature, proposing to outlaw the advertising of alcoholic beverages throughout the state.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS for

May 12-18 in

Birmingham, Ala.

WHEN southern Baptists gather in Birmingham in their annual sessions of the Woman's Missionary Union and of the Southern Baptist Convention, May 12-18 inclusive, there will not be any headquarters hotel but of course certain hotels will be used for the many different committee meetings. Accordingly the Tutwiler Hotel has graciously agreed to furnish the rooms as needed for various W.M.U. southwide committees in annual session on Monday, May 12. These committees are listed on page 1. The Tutwiler is also most generously giving the rooms for use that week by the W.M.U. president, treasurer and recording secretary.

Following is a list of eight hotels, as pictured on page 36, that have agreed with the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce upon the rates and number of rooms which each of them will offer for use May 12-18 inclusive. *Reservations as desired should be made directly with the preferred hotel.*

In addition to the eight hotels as herewith listed there are in Birmingham twenty other hotels. Likewise there are many apartment houses, lodging places and private homes in which rooms may be secured for May 12-18. Any one desiring accommodations in a home or lodging house or apartment or in one of the many smaller hotels will please write to the Chamber of Commerce, Birmingham, Alabama, stating the price and nature of room preferred. *Repeating, if any one wishes accommodations in one of the eight following hotels please write directly to the preferred hotel. (See also pages 1, 5, 36.)*

Name of Hotel	No. of Rooms	Single	Rates	
			Double	Twin Beds
Bankhead 2300 N. 5th Ave.	287	\$2.50	\$3.00 to \$4.00	\$4.50 to \$5.00
Dixie Carlton 309 N. 23rd St.	119	\$2.50	\$3.50	\$4.00 to \$5.00
Empire 2130 N. 4th Ave.	88	\$2.50 to \$3.00	\$2.50 to \$3.00	\$3.50 to \$5.00
Hillman 322 N. 19th St.	130		\$3.00	
Molton 507 N. 20th St.	135	\$2.50	\$4.00	\$5.00
Redmont 2101 N. 5th Ave.	183	\$2.50	\$4.00	\$4.50 to \$6.00
Thomas Jefferson 1631 N. 2nd Ave.	338	\$2.50	\$3.00 to \$4.50	\$5.00
Tutwiler 2005 N. 5th Ave.	450	\$2.50 to \$5.00	\$4.00 to \$7.50	\$4.50 to \$9.00

Many of the rooms as thus listed by the Tutwiler have capacity for 4 to 6 persons to the room; rates will be furnished upon request of the Tutwiler. This hotel has several suites, the rates of which will be furnished on request, which is also true concerning suites at the Bankhead, the Redmont and the Thomas Jefferson.

The Empire Hotel has 12 double rooms without bath, price \$3 each. The Hillman has 170 rooms without bath, prices \$2 to \$3 each. The Molton has 15 rooms without bath, price \$3 each.



ON the inside of this page is detailed information concerning the rates and number of rooms offered by each of these hotels during the annual gathering of southern Baptists in Birmingham, May 12-18 inclusive. Those purposing to attend are requested to make prompt reservations.

Next month's issue of this magazine is to carry a picture of Birmingham's Municipal Auditorium in which the 53rd Annual Meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, will open on Monday night, May 12. It's fifth and closing session will be on the following Wednesday morning after which the Southern Baptist Convention will be called to order.